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Abella targets Jewish youth

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Incoming Canadian Jewish Congress president Irving Abella inaugurated his three-year tenure with a long-term plan to oppose assimilation and reclaim Jewish youth while also addressing an immediate challenge — a report of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) which is highly critical of Israel.

Speaking to the closing luncheon of Congress' 23rd plenary assembly, Abella said the great issue facing the community today is Jewish continuity. "Jewish lives are not in danger," he said. "What is in danger is Jewish life."

High intermarriage and assimilation rates in the United States should serve as a warning to Canadian Jews, he said. Pointing to Jewish youth who leave home to continue their education, Abella, a professor of history at York University in Toronto, said universities in Canada are a great wasteland for Jews. "It is here we lose our children."

Jewish student groups on campus are "nickled and dimed to death," presenting a terrible message to send to youth who are in the forefront of anti-Jewish and anti-Israel assaults — that the community does not much care about them, he said.

The Jewish community must make itself a more attractive place for youth to turn to, he said, a place that is not merely concerned with survival but which promotes the Jewish values of "social justice, equity and compassion."

Abella criticized organizational aspects of the Jewish community, saying we live in a culture that devours its leaders and where people often leave community meetings feeling more sullied than when they went in.

"We are in danger of becoming a community of reviewers rather than doers," he said, adding that Congress must change its organizational format if it wants younger faces around the table.

Younger faces around the table was just what Abella, Ontario Premier Bob Rae and other head table dignitaries got when 24 people, aged 18 to 28, crowded the dais, surprising the incoming president just before he began his remarks.

Stephen Granovsky, former chairman of Jewish Students Network, apologized for interrupting Abella's address, but said they did so to illustrate the fact that they were the only young people present out of approximately 500 delegates (Plenary chairman Carol Kassel estimated the total number of delegates, volunteers, staff and guests at about 960.) "Are you asking 24 of us to replace the 500 of you in the future?" Granovsky asked.

He said the students propose that travel to Israel and support of Zionism be the core of Jewish renewal among young people.

Meanwhile, in his address, Abella blasted the ICRC for its criticism of Israel's alleged mistreatment of Palestinian prisoners.

"Where was the voice of the Red Cross during the grisly massacres, mass killings, gassing of civilians and genocidal attacks on groups in the Middle East?" he asked.

The ICRC criticism is a case where the messenger has no standing, Abella said. It is practising "organizational apartheid" in denying membership to Israel's Magen David Adom while permitting as members many Red Crescent societies.

The ICRC does not have clean hands when it comes to Jews, he continued. During the Holocaust, it "sat on its hands and did nothing while millions of Jews were being slaughtered in its own backyard. . . the hypocrisy rankles."

Setting out other elements in his agenda, Abella said his administration would not let up in Congress' strong support for Israel, especially at a time when it is coming under increasing pressure. Forced concessions will not lead to peace, he said. Those on the sidelines asking Israel to make concessions are risking nothing. "It is Jewish lives they are asking to risk, and we don't have many to spare," he said.

Abella said that there may be differences of opinion among Canadian Jews about Israeli policy but the community should not let those differences divide us. Both sides are committed to Israel, he said.

Referring to a recent announcement by Justice Minister Kim Campbell that set a March 1994 target for completing current investigations of war criminals, Abella said there should be no arbitrary deadline on prosecutions.

He also called for support for and use of the national archives and of the resources of the Jewish historical society, which tell the story of Canadian Jewry.

Abella affirmed prior Congress policy on national unity, saying the Jewish community "cannot afford to be bystanders" in constitutional discussions. "The country needs us, our advice, our participation," he said.

He said Congress' national unity committee, established under the administration of outgoing president Les Scheininger and headed by Max Bernard of Montreal, is "a good step," but Congress must raise its profile to help keep Canada together.

Abella said that another of his goals was to increase the participation of women in Congress and to put aboriginal rights and the environment on the organization's agenda.

REFUGEES FLEE

Jewish refugee family arrives at a Belgrade military airport after fleeing the war-torn city of Sarajevo. (RNS photo/Reuters)

Schoolgirl's murder sends mob to street

BAT YAM (JPFS) —

The stabbing death of 15-year-old schoolgirl Helena Rapp by an Arab last Sunday unleashed one of the most furious episodes of mob violence in recent memory in this working class suburb of Tel Aviv.

Fuelling Israelis' anger was an earlier, unrelated gun battle in the Gaza Strip that left three Palestinians and one Israeli border guard dead.

Bat Yam police were rendered almost helpless against gangs of hotheads who sought out Arab laborers all over the city following the stabbing of Rapp, who was waiting with her friends for a schoolbus.

An hour and a half after her murder, a mob gathered at the scene of the crime.

At first there were sporadic shouts of "Revenge!"

Then, a group of right-wing Kach extremists arrived, led by Baruch Marzel, and things started to heat up. More people gathered, picking up sticks and iron bars from nearby construction sites, and set out to hunt Arabs. They took up the cry, "Death to the Arabs!"

A car bearing the blue licence plates of the territories had its windows smashed and was overturned.

Rioters threw stones at buses carrying Arab workers and demanded that local businesses fire their Arab employees.

Dozens of Arabs were beaten. Storefronts were smashed and merchandise ransacked.

A sole police officer who was on the scene begged for backup. "Send the fire department!" he pleaded. "There is gasoline pouring all over the street. One match and we'll have a big fire!"

"How much longer do we have to put up with this?" shouted a woman.

"The police are giving this terrorist his breakfast and that girl lies slaughtered on the ground."

The suspect, identified as 19-year-old Fuad Abdul Atti Amran, from a Gaza refugee camp, was apprehended by an unarmed cab driver, assisted by passersby, and then arrested by police.

Police said the assailant admitted the attack was politically motivated. He was quoted as saying that after not being able to find a job with a Jewish contractor, he had decided to kill Jews.

At least 28 Israelis were arrested. Over 150 Arabs were detained. Some were held to protect them from the mob.

Two dozen Arabs were injured, as was an Israeli policeman who was trying to protect Arabs from being attacked.

Israel later closed travel in and out of the Gaza Strip.

Seven hours after the killing, riot-equipped police patrols were still unable to disperse the mob, which had grown to several hundred.

Upon hearing of his daughter's death, Ze'ev Rapp went down to the street armed with a commando knife. Police disarmed him and led him back to his apartment.

"It's not a matter of Labor or Likud," Rapp said. "None of them is capable of running this country and bringing quiet.

"I sent my daughter to school this

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Frieberg elected chairman

TORONTO —

Canadian Jewish Congress has a new chairman of its Ontario region.

Longtime community activist Gerda Frieberg last week defeated outgoing Ontario region vice-chairman Mark Anshan to capture the top Ontario post.

The race was the first of its kind since at least the 1940s, Congress observers pointed out, and was prompted by Frieberg's last minute entry into the leadership contest.

Anshan had been suggested for the post by Congress' nominations committee. Frieberg's entry made it a two-candidate race, with delegates at the plenary sporting campaign buttons and being lobbied by supporters on both sides.

Frieberg stressed her track record of service to the community, concern for students and leadership qualities. Anshan pointed also to his involvement in community activities and called for bringing new people into Congress.

(There will be further election coverage in next week's edition.)

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Navon opens plenary with a moving tribute to his native Jerusalem

CJC Plenary

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Never has there been as much freedom of access to religious sites in Jerusalem as today, a former President of Israel told the opening last week of Canadian Jewish Congress's 23rd plenary.

Yitzchak Navon, now a Labor member of the Knesset and one of Israel's most beloved public figures, told roughly 800 delegates from across Canada that the reunification of Jerusalem during the 1967 Six-Day War opened access to religious sites for Jews, Christians and Moslems as never before.

Addressing one of the opening program's themes — The Six-Day War 25 Years Later — Navon won enthusiastic applause in declaring that Jerusalem "will remain the united capital of a sovereign Israel forever."

Navon meandered through an enrapturing talk on Jerusalem, his birthplace, combining biblical and Talmudic references to the city with his personal reminiscenses.

Prior to 1967, Jews could not go to the Western Wall because it was in Jordanian-held East Jerusalem, even though Israel appealed to Jordan for access, Navon recalled.

Jerusalem plays a special role in Judaism as its holiest city, whereas Christians and Muslims have sites considered more sacred, he said.

Nevertheless, Israel provides complete and unrestricted access for the three faiths to all religious sites, he said.

"We can be proud," he stated, "that we turned Jerusalem into a holy city."

Israel's capital "is not only stones and dust, but the centre of our longing and hopes."

Navon lavished praise on Canadian Jewry as "one of the finest and most devoted Jewish communities in the world."

Maj.-Gen. (Res.) Uzi Narkiss, under whose command Jerusalem was reunited during the 1967 war, recalled that at the start, Israelis' morale during the conflict was low.

"It was the first time the word Auschwitz was uttered publicly on the streets since World War II," he told delegates.

Israel warned Jordan in a terse message not to get involved because the war was with Egypt, Narkiss explained.

But when Jordan's King Hussein began shelling West Jerusalem, Israel's aging and vastly outnumbered tanks went into action.

Narkiss said Israel had five Sherman tanks dating from World War II stationed in Jerusalem, whereas Jordan tallied 50 superior Patton tanks.

Narkiss recalled that after he persuaded Israel's central command to provide air cover, the battle for Jerusalem lasted less than two days, with Israel the victor.

He said he vowed at the time not to repeat the mistake of the 1948 War of Independence, when Narkiss ordered his Palmach troops to retreat from East Jerusalem because he felt they were outnumbered.

Jews now have a duty to persuade governments everywhere to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital, Narkiss said.

Prof. Irving Abella, CJC's new president, said in his introduction that Jews "are a people of memory, and for those born after 1940, there is no more searing a memory than June, 1967."

SEPHARDI BRIDE

At the Sepharad '92 reception on the opening night of last week's CJC Plenary, Lydia Benchabo modelled a traditional Sephardi dress worn by a bride the night before her wedding at a Henna ceremony. The elaborate dress and heavy, jewelled headpiece were made in Morocco about 100 years ago.

[Alron photo]

New CJC president Irving Abella, left, with former Israel president Yitzhak Navon, centre, and immediate past CJC president Les Scheininger. (Alron photo)

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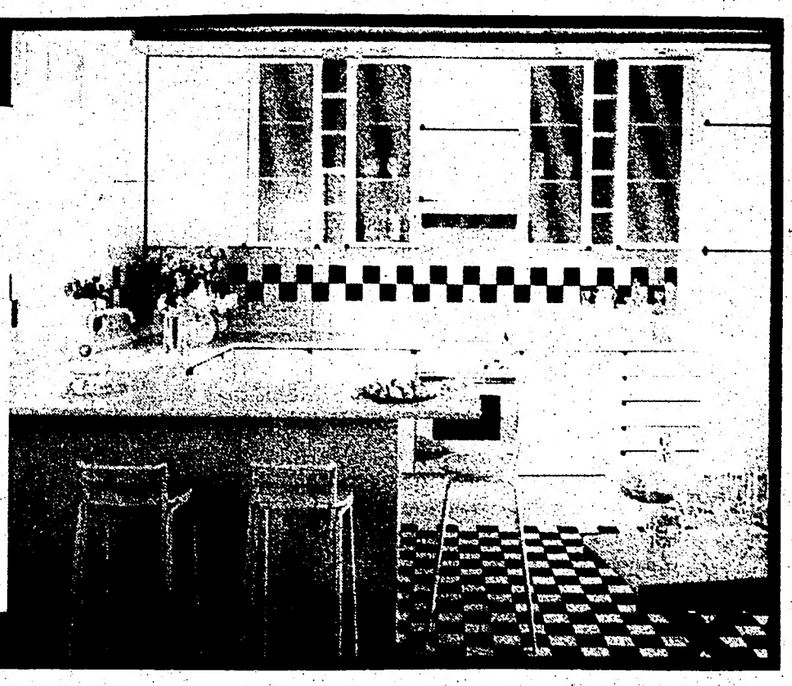

Peace Now resolutions prompt a lively debate

CJC Plenary

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

A resolution calling on the Israeli government to halt settlements in the territories sparked the most lively debate in an otherwise tame series of meetings to discuss future policy of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC).

A strong undercurrent of grumbling marked the presentation in favor of the resolution by its proponents, Canadian Friends of Peace Now (CFPN). The resolution called on Congress to "appeal to the government of Israel to reverse its current policy and to put an immediate halt to further settlement in the territories during peace negotiations."

The resolution was defeated by a vote of 72 against, 28 in favor.

A measure of the depth of feeling engendered by the proposal was the large number of people who wished to speak against it. At least seven delegates indicated their intention to address the resolution, but under Congress procedure only three were entitled to.

Speaking on behalf of the resolution, Mel Shipman, president of CFPN, said a freeze on settlements would unlock millions of dollars for the integration of Soviet and Ethiopian immigrants and assist development towns upgrade a deteriorating infrastructure. He said money spent on West Bank settlements could have gone to help absorb immigrants without Israel having to go "cap in hand" to the United States.

As hecklers grumbled "enough," Shipman argued that Congress should reflect the opinion of a majority of Canadian Jews and call on Israel to stop the settlements.

Rhonda Spivak, who also spoke in favor of the resolution, said the Jewish community's lobby group, the Canada-Israel Committee, of which Congress is a constituent part, must remain accountable to the opinion of Canadian Jews, which she said opposes the settlement policy.

She said the relationship between Israelis and Canadian Jews must be based on honestly-expressed opinions.

Former Congress president Milton Harris said the settlements are a clear attempt by the Likud-led government of Israel to create "facts on the ground" and that if settlements continue, in eight or nine years a future Israeli government would have its hands tied if there were even larger numbers of settlers in the territories.

Speaking against the proposed resolution, Kurt Rothschild, president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, said it was inappropriate for Congress to vote either for or against settlements. That is an issue to be decided by the voters of Israel, he said.

A second opponent of the resolution, David Rotenberg, called the settlements legal and no obstacle to peace. They are an obstacle only to Israel's Arab foes getting their own way, he said. If Israel were to unilaterally stop the settlements, what incentive would there be for the Arabs to make concessions to Israel, he asked.

A vote in favor of the resolution would also send a wrong signal to "Arabists" in the foreign affairs ministry, Rotenberg added.

While the debate livened up otherwise staid voting sessions, the plenary did adopt other resolutions indicating Congress position on a wide range of issues.

In addressing anti-Semitism and racism, Congress called on the federal and provincial governments "to allocate funding for educational programs. . . to present a balanced, positive perspective of Canada's ethnic mosaic." It also called on the federal government to "undertake an in depth study of racism, including anti-Semitism" and for Congress to establish it own national data bank to compile information about anti-Semitic groups.

Another resolution called for the expansion of the jurisdiction of the Canadian Human Rights Commission to prohibit hate propaganda by mail, radio, television and other electronic means.

Other resolutions passed by the plenary:

- supported Middle East peace efforts.
- called on former Soviet states to formally repudiate anti-Semitism.
- announced Congress' intent to continue monitoring developments in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) to ensure that Jews are free of human rights abuses.
- called on the Canadian government "to condemn those Arab lands perpetrating the ill treatment of their Jewish citizens."
- affirmed commitment to Holocaust education.
- encourage establishment of a Canadian Council for Jewish Education to provide educational services to small communities.
- support equal rights and improved opportunities for the disabled.
- support establishment of a fund, in co-operation with federations and day schools, to allow students to travel to Israel.
- support education in Jewish schools on preventing the AIDS/HIV infection.

Despite four sessions held to deal with 52 proposed resolutions, lack of time led to referral of several resolutions to regional councils for discussion. Among that groups of resolution were those dealing with archives, Native peoples, relations with ethnic groups, status of women, immigration and refugees.

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Panelist on campus Jewry challenged on programming

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

A three-member panel discussion on campus Jewry, moderated by Marjorie Blankstein at last week's Canadian Jewish Congress' annual plenary, triggered some controversy on the best way of reaching out to Jewish university students.

Panelist Ely Razin, a recent law school graduate and a past president of the Canadian Jewish Law Students' Association (CJLSA), was challenged on the importance of social programs such as the CJLSA Law Bash, an annual dance which attracts 900 people. Audience member Tannis Weinstein, national director of Network, the Canada-wide group for Jewish university students known for its political activism, stated flatly that such events are not what she considers quality programming.

"If someone is going to meet their future spouse at a Law Bash, that's reason enough to hold it," Razin told Weinstein, "and if it turns a profit to fund 'quality' Jewish programming, so much the better." He also mentioned that assimilated students won't become involved in other Jewish events, but those who remain affiliated may do so.

"What is crucial on any campus," Razin said, "is the observance of what Emil Fackenheim terms the 11th commandment: Thou shalt not give Hitler a posthumous victory. Intermarriage and assimilation, those insidious forces now threatening Jewish survival, must be stopped in their tracks."

Razin commended Network on the quality of its political activist programming, but bemoaned their lack of across-the-board appeal. Razin argued for addressing the needs of all Jewish students, the actively involved, those who affiliate Jewishly on a social level, and those who don't wish to become involved at all.

Panelist Elisa Udaskin, immediate past president of Hillel at Queen's University in Kingston, expressed a similar urgency. "The last chance to prevent Jewish students from assimilating and intermarrying is while they are at university," she said. "We must get them involved before they are lost to us forever."

The task is particularly difficult on small campuses, she explained, because some Jewish students choose such a campus "to get away from a Jewish crowd they don't identify with."

Many Jewish students are reluctant to get involved in issues related to Israel or anti-Semitism, Udaskin said. "Most Jewish students are not trained on how to deal with anti-Semitism. It's perfectly logical to feel threatened and vulnerable. The way that many students choose to deal with these feelings is to back away from any Jewish issue."

"I believe it's important to develop a network of Jewish professors and community leaders in order to establish lines of comunication with university officials so that we can defuse situations before they escalate," said panelist Dr. Mayer Alvo, a University of Ottawa professor and chairman of Ottawa's JSU-Hillel. He encouraged students to be concerned about stamping out all racism, not just that which is directed at Jews.

"When we are confronted with an anti-Semitic incident," said Udaskin, "we need Canadian Jewish Congress to help us in every way possible. She praised Network along with CJC's Susan Jackson for the support they have extended to the students in Kingston, but said that the The CJC "needs to make the campus more of a priority. We are not the back burner. We are the front line. We need more workshops and seminars on campus, or funding to send more students to Toronto [for] seminars on ways to deal with anti-Semitism, Arab propaganda and intermarriage. Jewish students are our future."

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Apology

In last week's issue on Page 6, under the heading "Kingston undergoing demographic changes," it was reported that the descendants of Simon Oberndorffer are no longer Jewish.

Not so, says distraught grandson Albert Simon Oberndorffer of Toronto. "My parents and I, as well as my wife Zelda, have been members of Holy Blossom Temple for many, many years and we are definitely Jewish. This has been very embarrassing to us."

The CJN apologizes for the error and for the embarrassment caused to the Oberndorffer family.

CJC Plenary

Freedom of speech seen as best method to fight racists

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

Jews should urge that hate propaganda sections of the Criminal Code be repealed, said lawyer Eddie Greenspan, vice-president of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, at last week's Canadian Jewish Congress plenary.

Greenspan participated in a panel discussion on civil liberties, along with lawyers John Laskin, who has represented CJC on the Keegstra case and CJC Ontario region on the issues of religion in the public schools and funding for Jewish day schools, and David Matas, senior counsel for the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada.

The Zundel trial, said Greenspan, reinforced his belief that "such criminal prosecutions are wrong.... In the case of Ernst Zundel and Jim Keegstra, the Canadian courts provide a free platform for the spewing of their lies and hatred."

Eddie Greenspan

Greenspan discussed the media exposure that such cases attract: "It might be argued that media exposure is a good thing, that these hatemongers should be exposed for what they are, but...the protections our criminal trial process gives the accused person are specifically designed to ensure that he enters the trial with his reputation intact."

David Matas

"Will such prosecutions stop future Zundels?" asked Greenspan. "All the jury's verdict in the conviction means is that 12 people were satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that the Holocaust happened and that Zundel knew it happened." The case has no precedent value, said Greenspan. "What is the remedy 50 years from now when there are no survivors among us to *prove* in a court the truth of the Holocaust?" he asked.

More freedom of expression, more freedom of speech, is the most effective weapon against hatemongers, Greenspan has concluded.

When challenged during a question-and-answer session, Greenspan decried the attitude of today's Jewish community. "We all have become a group of crybabies who take our problems to the government and say, 'Solve it.' It's these laws that will be our undoing."

Matas also discussed hate propaganda. "The flourishing of hate propaganda corrodes and disintegrates the society that is needed for free speech to flourish," he said. "It takes both freedom of expression and protection from hate propaganda for human rights to be protected."

One of the rationales for freedom of expression is that it is needed for democracy, said Matas. "However, also essential for democracy is tolerance. Allowing hate propaganda to flourish will destroy democracy. We show a deeper commitment to the truths of human equality and tolerance by prohibiting hate propaganda than by allowing it to flourish.

"Those who say that prohibition of hate speech threatens freedom of expression have turned the world upside down. Doing nothing about hate speech threatens individual rights in general and freedom of expression in particular, the freedom of expression of the target group," said Matas.

"When you have a clash between

John Laskin

equality values and freedom of expression values," said Laskin, who focused on the Jewish agenda and the civil liberties position, you should come down on the side of equality and multiculturalism, and that is a true civil liberties position."

Diaspora relationship discussed

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

"Our task is to find the common denominator between [Israel and the Diaspora]," said Itzhak Levanon, Israeli consul-general to Montreal, at last week's CJC plenary forum on Israel and the Diaspora. "Often we Israelis don't understand the Diaspora, and sometimes the Diaspora doesn't understand us. However, we should never forget there is a basic and inherent relationship — love — between Israel and the Diaspora."

There are three points to be avoided "in order not to harm the special relationship between Israel and the Diaspora," said Levanon.

- "We should invest all our effort not to cross the red lines of mutual respect and readiness to listen to each other with good will.
- We should not perceive the relationship between Israel and the Diaspora always through the prism of money.
- We should not wash our dirty linen in front of neighbors. We're entitled to have distinct points of view, but not in the media. A public argument would end up twisted and misinterpreted and would harm us."

Rabbi Dow Marmur of Holy Blossom Temple, the second speaker at the forum, also spoke of criticizing Israel. "I have to decide what matters to me more — expressing my critical views, or showing my loyalty to the government of Israel. It is a difficult decision for a host of reasons, many of them connected to the fact that the enemies of the Jewish people may take advantage of the dissent."

Rabbi Marmur disagrees with those who believe that we mustn't be critical of Israel because we don't live there. "I believe that the Diaspora is a partner in Israel precisely because Israel is central to all Jewish life, and because the same community does not hesitate to express criticism of other countries where Jews live and where Jewish values may be at risk."

Despite acknowledging that public dissent may fuel anti-Israel action by its enemies, Rabbi Marmur believes that keeping quiet may have negative repercussions as well. "The failure to speak our minds has exacerbated our relationship with our non-Jewish neighbors, who, in increasing measure, are questioning our moral sensitivities that allow us to be so high-minded about others and so uncritical about our own. The irony should not escape us: in an effort not to give enemies grounds for pointing to our internal dissent, we are giving not only enemies, but also friends, grounds for suspecting our moral will."

Rabbi Marmur prefers the term "radical" to "dissenter." A radical, he says, is "someone who goes to the root of things."

Rabbi Marmur proposes that we not fear criticism, but cautioned that "the purpose of such criticism must always be to strengthen our bonds with the Land of Israel, not to withdraw from our obligations to it."

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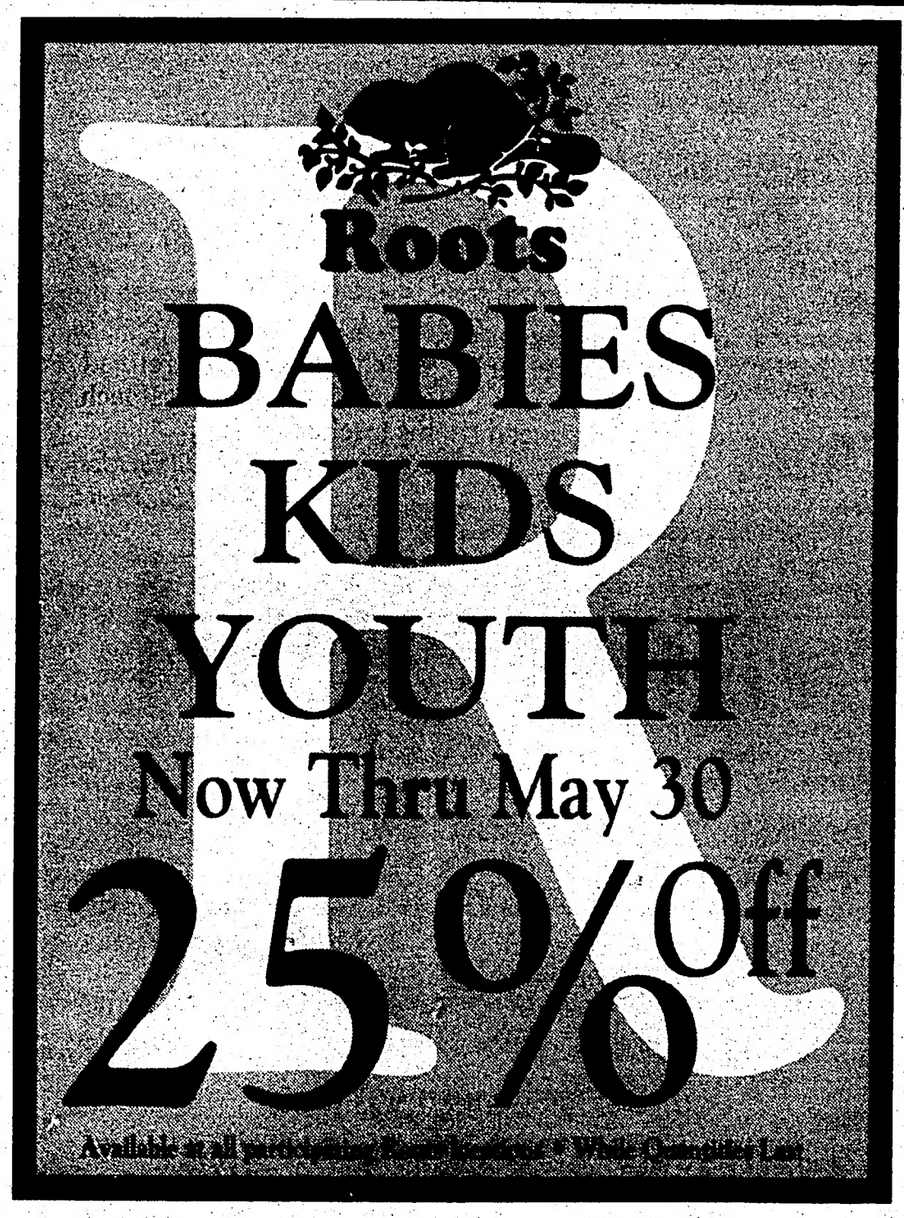

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— and —
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Mr. Justice Claude Benoit, J.C.S.

McDougall reiterates Canada's commitment to peace talks

CJC Plenary

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Canada "is in for the long haul" on Mideast peace talks "not because it is naive or starry-eyed but because Canadians believe in peace," External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall told a session on foreign policy at last week's Canadian Jewish Congress plenary.

In a wide-ranging talk to delegates, who gave her a standing ovation even before her speech, McDougall pledged to continue Canada's role as host to the working group on Middle East refugees.

Turmoil around the world can mean that dangers to Jews are "multiplied several times over."

Anti-Semitism in the former Soviet republics is surfacing anew, while a "highly volatile ethnic mix" in what's left of Yugoslavia may recall a "long history" of Jew-hatred there, she said.

McDougall reminded her audience that Canada has long been a steadfast supporter of Israel.

This country led the repeal last fall of the United Nations resolution that equated Zionism with racism, she pointed out, adding that Canada has encouraged Third World nations like Nigeria and Vietnam to establish diplomatic relations with Israel.

A trilateral agreement has Canada paying half the cost of Third World experts' agricultural training in Israel, she noted.

McDougall paid tribute to Judy Feld Carr, chairman of the National Task Force for Syrian Jews, who "turned things around in no small measure" for Syria's 4,000 remaining Jews.

Recent loosening of travel restrictions by Damascus for Syrian Jews "augurs well" for the community, McDougall added.

She said "nothing in Israel's 44 years has been easy" but that "the Jewish people are no strangers to miracles."

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Due mainly to "mutual neglect," there has been an "incremental deterioration" in Canada-Israel relations, a forum following McDougall's speech heard.

Barbara McDougall

Dr. David Goldberg, research director of the Foundation for Middle East Studies, said Canada and Israel seem to be moving in opposite directions on a host of issues.

For one, public opinion polls since 1958 show a "significant" narrowing of the gap between Canadians' support for Israel versus Arabs.

In 1958, 14 percent of respondents said they were sympathetic to Israel, five percent were pro-Arab and 81 percent had no opinion or supported both sides.

In 1991, 22 percent said they were pro-Israel, 19 percent were pro-Arab and 57 percent supported both sides or had no opinion.

Popular attitudes often translate into government policy, he said.

And if the gap narrows further, Canada's Jews "will have a real problem," Goldberg said.

He called the level of trade between Canada and Israel "embarrassingly low."

Goldberg's other assertions are that:

- Canada has, since 1949, channeled over $650 million in development assistance to the Middle East, but Israel has not received a cent of that, despite Israeli requests;
- Ottawa has extended to Jerusalem a $100 million line of credit, but Israel turned it down because there too many strings attached;
- Last spring, the federal cabinet approved the sale to Saudi Arabia of a shipment by General Motors of Light Armored Vehicles (LAVs), worth millions of dollars, despite Ottawa's earlier commitment to keep arms out of the region;
- the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) provides funds to several Arab countries and tripled its aid to the territories between 1989 and 1991, but gives no money to Israel proper;
- Canada agreed to the inclusion of Palestinians from outside the territories at the multilateral peace talks in Ottawa, despite Israel's opposition.

Goldberg said Jews should reject "immediately and forever" charges that anti-Semitism plays a role in Canada-Israel relations. Rather, domestic Canadian concerns, including our thirst for Arab oil, govern Ottawa's actions.

Prof. David Dewitt of York University disagreed with Goldberg's interpretations, saying that the gaps between support for Israel versus Arabs are "statistically insigificant."

He said Israel does not qualify for the type of aid Canada provides for developing nations.

While Dewitt agreed that relations are mutually neglected, he called on Ottawa "to tell the Arabs to do more for their own poor."

Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

HODES — CHODES

Ben Hodes, of North York, has asked me to research his surname which he was told was associated with myrtle. Right on.

The Hebrew word for myrtle is Hadassah, the name adopted and honored by Zionist women's organizations.

Hodes is an abbreviation of the name of a mother whose name was Hadassah. The name was abbreviated to Hodel and Hode. It is in the category of matronymics like Bayles, Peikes, Dvorkes, Rachles and Gittes.

He suggests that Chodes is another form of the same name. In fact, it is a different name. It derives from the Hebrew word "Chodosh" (new) and may be compared to Newman or Neuman referring to the new kid on the block.

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MOSHIACH MATTERS

MOSHIACH'S DONKEY

In describing the advent of Moshiach, the Prophet states, "He will be lowly and riding upon a donkey." *Pirkei D'Rav Eliezer* notes that this is the same donkey mentioned by Moses, when he went to free his people from Egypt, as is written, "And Moses set them (his family) upon a donkey" and it is the same donkey used by Abraham, as in, "and he saddled his donkey" (in preparing for the *akeidah* — (the binding of Isaac upon the altar).

Is this factor, that Moshiach will ride on a donkey of such paramount importance? Does it matter how Moshiach will come? And of what significance is it to know whose donkey it is? Obviously, as our Sages see it, there is more to it than the physical animal itself.

In this comparative study we see that Abraham, Moses and Moshiach are a continuation of one central theme.

The purpose of a Jew, and every human being, is to refine the coarseness of this materialistic world, one's body, household, etc., through the study of Torah and observance of Mitzvos.

Abraham began the 2,000 year period of Torah. The Talmud states that the world exists for 6,000 years. The first 2,000 years were desolate; the second 2,000 years (beginning with Abraham) are devoted to Torah; and the last 2,000 years are the Messianic era.

Moses received the Torah at Sinai and transmitted it to Klal Yisroel. Although the verse that Moses set them upon a donkey took place before *Mattan-Torah* (Revelation at Sinai) yet, it relates to the Exodus from Egypt which is a prelude to *Mattan-Torah*, as G-d told Moses, "When you bring forth the people out of Egypt, you will serve G-d upon this mountain."

The goal of *Mattan-Torah* will be revealed through Moshiach.

We find, however, a distinction in the use of the donkey by Abraham, Moses and Moshiach.

Abraham used the donkey for carrying the wood and knife for the *Akeidah*, while he and his servants went by foot. Only the wood and knife — he placed on the donkey.

With reference to Moses, the Torah relates that he set his wife and sons upon the donkey. A wife and children are obviously much closer to a person than wood and a knife. A wife is her husband's helpmate; she is considered like his one body. A son is considered like his father's thigh.

With reference to Moshiach, *he himself* will be riding on the donkey.

Apparently, this donkey alludes to a higher spiritual dimension than the simple animal itself. The purpose of using and riding a donkey is to enable the person and his belongings to reach such a place which — due to its height or distance — would be unreachable without the donkey.

The same is true in the spiritual act of "riding on a donkey." Chamor (a donkey) is linked with chomer, materialism. The purpose of a Jew, and every human being, is to refine the coarseness of this materialistic world, one's body, household, etc., through the study of Torah and observance of Mitzvos. In so doing one is elevated to such a level that the soul, in and by itself, is unable to attain. Only when the soul enters the corporeal, physical body (at birth) does it has the challenge — and G-d-given powers — to refine the body and all materialistic aspects through a life devoted to G-dliness and Torah.

Each one, Abraham, Moses and Moshiach — set the examples for refining their physical lives and elevating themselves to spirituality. Moshiach will enable everyone to reach the peak of refinement, whereby "he rides on a donkey," totally subjugating materialism to the Divine Will and Wisdom.

The donkey is also an allusion to the physical aspects of the world which will be truly refined and elevated through Moshiach and his teachings.

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Narkiss

General (res.) Uzi Narkiss, the man who liberated East Jerusalem 25 years ago, was in Toronto recently to speak about his experiences during the Six-Day War at the Canadian Jewish Congress plenary and at a meeting held by Kesher, a group formed in 1989 by the World Zionist Organization to maintain a link for young people who have returned from programs in Israel.

Narkiss has been stationed in New York for the past three months as chairman of the Zionist delegation in North America. He spoke with CJN reporter Frances Kraft in a wide-ranging interview.

CJN: *What does your current role as chairman of the Zionist delegation in North America involve?*

Narkiss: I am responsible for all the shlichim in North America — education shlichim like teachers, aliyah shlichim, etcetera and I am a member of the Zionist executive.

Before that I was head of information services for the World Zionist Organization for about 10 years and was in charge of aliyah, also with WZO, for about 10 years before that.

CJN: *Recently there has been news of experienced soldiers deserting the IDF. Is this something new?*

Narkiss: Everything should be taken in context. When we were only half a million Jews in Israel, there were almost no such problems. Almost none. Now there are, because we received people from many countries, and we are more than four million.

Those who leave the army, who don't come to the army, are mostly dropouts who've never been in school. When there were only 500,000 people in Israel, there were no desertions or maybe one. Now, with four million people, there are many.

CJN: *According to the news, these were Israelis, experienced soldiers, and they weren't being treated properly.*

Narkiss: No, no, no, no, no, no, noooo. This is not true. What is true is that the dimensions have changed over the last 40 or 50 years. What was only 10 cm. at the time is now 2 metres. You understand? It's more voluminous. The dimensions have changed, but overall we have fantastic youth.

There are many problems in the army. It's not the epitome. There are, for instance, cases in which young Israeli intellectuals do not want to serve in the West Bank. They are ready to pay for that, and they are paying for it in prison, etc.

Getting a state means that you have to suffer and make others suffer too. That's it.

CJN: *There's been more stress on soldiers since the intifada began. Are soldiers having more trouble coping, and what is the army doing to help them cope?*

Narkiss: In my time, they didn't study psychology in Israel, psychiatry wasn't known, and in the Palmach you didn't have any social workers or psychologists.

Now, it's much more tense. Everything is much more tense. There's much tension all over, but the number, I think, of psychiatrists for every 1,000 people is higher in Canada than in Israel and much higher in the United States than Israel, and the Israeli army is being served by social workers and psychiatrists too because that's the way in which people live in modern times. That's it.

Tension comes also not only because of the intifada, but because of traffic on the roads. There are many more casualties, many more deaths, because of traffic than because of the intifada. What can you do? That's modern times.

CJN: *Do you think that the moral standards of the Israeli soldiers have changed over the past 25 years?*

Narkiss: I don't think so. Every generation thinks that the previous time was much more beautiful than it actually was. The young people are sure that the older generation didn't understand anything, and this will happen with their children and their grandchildren.

That's the way it is, but, for instance, I can tell you that nobody in Israel took drugs 25 years ago. After the Six-Day War the borders were open, and young American kids began coming to Israel with marijuana, so it spread out among our kids.

Today, when all the frontiers are wide open, the influence of America goes all over the world, [even] to Moscow. [There's been an influence from] jeans, then jazz, and rock. And in Israel too, kibbutz idealism, etc. is not the same because of rock, because of marijuana, because of modern times. Young people, they prefer the rock, the noise.

CJN: *Are soldiers more aggressive now than 25 years ago?*

Narkiss: I don't think so. If at one time there was one mugging operation in a month, it's because we were half a million people. Now as we are almost four and a half million, there are a hundred times more.

It's not only arithmetic. It's a geometric advance. Of everything. Of violence. Of rape. Of everything. Of assassinations. Everything. Killing. But that's modern times.

Listen, I remember I was in New York 25 years ago. We walked in Harlem at night. No problem. Today, even uptown or midtown, it's dangerous.

CJN: *There are rumors of death squads in the IDF, soldiers who disguise themselves as Arabs and go and kill...*

Narkiss: It's not death squads.

CJN: *What is the truth?*

Narkiss: I'll tell you. What you are translating is a South American phrase. Death squad is something that took place in Brazil or Chile or maybe Colombia. In Brazil they were killing young kids who began stealing at the age of five. Sometimes they went into poor neighborhoods and killed people in order to have less problems.

In Israel what's happening in the West Bank and Gaza is that people camouflage themselves as Arabs. They penetrate into Arab neighborhoods and when they find murderers and others like that, they kill them.

CJN: *You said "people." Are they acting on orders from the IDF?*

Narkiss: I suppose so. I don't like the system, but it's being used because of the complexity of the problem. We don't know how to solve it.

CJN: *What would you call the phenomenon, if "death squad" isn't the proper term?*

Narkiss: It's personal killings. But I think that killings are not going to solve anything. That's why I am for a political solution.

CJN: *What do you think the solution is?*

Narkiss: In my opinion, the solution should be trading territories for peace. That's my solution, but I represent only a certain part of the population.

CJN: *Can't these killers be brought to justice in some other way? Can't they be tried in a court of law?*

Narkiss: All those who are being killed are guilty. They either killed somebody, killed Arabs or killed Jews, or whatever. They did something very violent, and it had to do with killing. Those who carry out 'personal killings' don't kill just anybody.

I don't see [another] way. No. But I am, you know, far from all these things, so maybe I don't know anything. I left the Israeli army over 20 years ago.

CJN: *How do you feel about women in the army?*

Narkiss: Women? I like women very much.

CJN: *That much I gathered, but do you think they should be equal? Do you think they should be allowed to fight and carry weapons?*

Narkiss: No.

CJN: *Why not?*

Narkiss: It's a pity.

CJN: *It's also a pity when men have to fight.*

Narkiss: No. It's not the same thing. Listen, you know exactly as I do that women usually are weaker physically than men. I don't think they can suffer the same conditions as men do. And it's difficult for men. They do much better fighting the enemy.

It's not playing games with Gloria Steinem. It's not women's lib. Women's lib means you can be a lawyer. There are many, many women in Israel who are lawyers, who are judges, not too many members of Knesset. It's a pity because they are good MKs, or prime ministers, or whatever, but they shouldn't fight in the army, only because of physical strength.

CJN: *What about stamina? It's true that men are generally bigger and have more muscle, but women have more stamina, more endurance.*

Narkiss: You are kidding. I prefer that my girlfriend will wait for me in the rear until I come home intact.

CJN: *What kind of soldiers do Ethiopian olim make?*

Narkiss: If there is a miracle in Israel, it's the fact that Ethiopian kids who came eight years ago, 10 years ago to Israel, are now officers in the Israeli army. That's a real miracle. And they are good officers.

CJN: *What about the Russian olim?*

Narkiss: Russians are like us. They're Europeans, and that's it.

CJN: *The rate of immigration from Russia has dropped. Do you see that as a good thing for Israel or not?*

Narkiss: Very bad. Very, very, very. This is our unique opportunity to become a people of five to six million, and to solve once and for all this problem of ours. It's an opportunity, and a figure like five or six million means Israeli survival. Who knows what will happen tomorrow?

CJN: *Do you think Israel can take in an unlimited number of olim?*

Narkiss: All of the Negev is empty. What do you mean? That's not the problem.

CJN: *Are you in favor of settlements in the territories?*

Narkiss: I think that many settlements are political settlements, and I'm against them. I think that we have to stop building new settlements, because the ones being built now are political settlements. They're being built to show the Americans that they don't count, that we couldn't care less about them.

CJN: *How do you think the election is going to go?*

Narkiss: I don't know. I have my hopes, but no predictions. I hope that Rabin will be the next prime minister, but you never know. I belong to Labor, and I think that he is the right man at the right time. There should be a change in Israel.

(When asked for a more specific answer, Narkiss replies) I don't want to get into politics, because I represent all the [spectrum of] opinions in my job, and what I said is already enough.

CJN: *You mentioned earlier that you are in favor of giving up land for peace. Would you be more specific about how much land you would be willing to give up, and which areas specifically you had in mind?*

Narkiss: I am ready to give up most of the West Bank. Gaza for sure. For peace. But not Jerusalem.

CJN: *What conditions would you ask in return?*

Narkiss: Number one: peace. A peace treaty between Israel and all these countries. That the West Bank will be militarized, and that no Arab Army will be permitted to cross the river Jordan.

CJN: *Do you think such an agreement would work?*

Narkiss: I hope. I have the right to hope, because killing is not useful. I am optimistic.

CJN: *What do you think it would take to maintain a peaceful, unified Jerusalem?*

Narkiss: It will be very, very difficult, and on that subject we have to be very, very stubborn. Without stubbornness and obstinacy, we won't be able to make it. We have to be stubborn that Jerusalem will continue to be unified under Israeli control.

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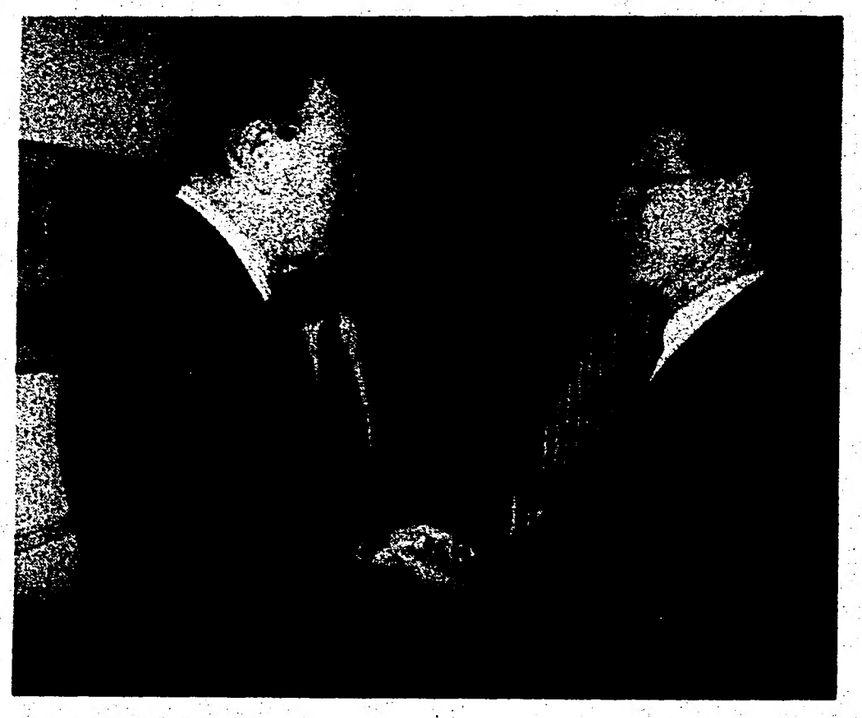

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Israel angry with the U.S. for endorsing refugee return

By
LEORA FRUCHT

JERUSALEM —

While an angry Israeli government debated how to respond to the American endorsement of UN Resolution 194, most Israelis paid little attention to either the statements made in Washington or the talks held in Ottawa last week.

The U.S. administration's declaration of support for UN Resolution 194, endorsing the Palestinian right of return, provoked sharp criticism at Sunday's cabinet meeting, with some ministers even calling on Israel to consider abandoning the peace process. But Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister David Levy urged the government to react to the U.S. statement with moderation. "The Americans know they touched a sensitive nerve, but there is no need for a dispute," said Shamir.

"The Americans won't let this subject be raised in the peace talks," maintained Levy. "They won't even offer any interpretation of Resolution 194," added the foreign minister, who reportedly regards the U.S. statement as a meaningless reiteration of a long-held American position. "There is no reason for a crisis in relations with the United States over this," he said.

Levy and Shamir's efforts to placate the angry cabinet came in the aftermath of a disagreement between the two leaders last week over how to regard Washington's position.

Leora Frucht

Levy's view seems to have prevailed over the prime minister's who only last week demanded that the administration distance itself from the statement issued by State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutweiler. Shamir was reportedly dissatisfied with the clarifications received from Washington, while Levy regarded them as sufficient and urged that the issue be dropped.

Given the virtually unanimous consensus in Israel opposing the right of return for Palestinian refugees, the only dispute which the U.S. position provoked here was how much the American statement really matters. The left-wing daily *Al Hamishmar* argued that the American position should be viewed as a mere statement of principle that is never intended to be applied.

The newspaper accused the Israeli government of needlessly exacerbating American-Israeli relations by blowing the issue out of proportion. It maintained that the government's response was motivated more by election considerations than by the best interests of the country.

No public interest in Ottawa discussions

However the daily *Ha'aretz* regarded the U.S. position as a dangerous precedent that will be exploited by the Palestinians at a later phase of the negotiations. It called on Washington to officially disclaim resolution 194 and clarify to the Arabs that American backing for a refugee return should not be anticipated.

"The demographic consequences of a Palestinian influx would be unacceptable to Israel and the sooner the Bush administration goes on record as being against this, the sooner a potential threat to the entire peace process is averted," said the paper.

For most Israelis, the refugee talks and the debate over the Palestinian right of return were of little interest. The absence of Israel at the Ottawa talks was felt in the population's utter detachment towards the proceedings, widely regarded as futile.

The majority of Israelis, secure in the belief that no Israeli government would agree to implement the right of return, saw the issue as unreal. Instead, the impending teachers' strike and the public service wage negotiations were the source of real debate in the streets and on radio hotline shows. Some people, asked about the Ottawa talks, had no idea that they were even taking place.

The one group to attach great importance to the talks and to respond with glee to the U.S. endorsement of Resolution 194 was Neturei Karta. At a special meeting held in Jerusalem, the anti-Zionist movement declared that the return of the Arab refugees could be regarded as a sure sign that the coming of the Messiah is imminent.

50 Years Ago ...a look back

SLOVAK JEWISH LEADERS ARRESTED

STOCKHOLM, April 9, 1942 (JTA) —
All officers and employees of the Jewish Central Committee in Bratislava, which is the only existing central Jewish body in Slovakia, have been arrested and sent to a labor camp, according to the Nazi newspaper *Grenzbote*.

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BRATISLAVA JEWS HIDE

LONDON, April 12, 1942 (JTA) —
A large number of Bratislava Jews are now hiding in the woods of Slovakia like hunted animals, trying to escape deportation to labor camps or Nazi-occupied eastern territories, according to reliable information reaching Czechoslovak government circles here.

The information is substantiated by telegraphic reports from Switzerland which quoted the Slovakian Nazi paper *Grenzbote* as stating that no hiding place will save the Jews from being discovered and deported.

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SYNAGOGUE TURNED INTO POOL

ZURICH, April 12, 1942 (JTA) —
The Nazi authorities in Poznan, in the German-annexed section of Poland, have established a swimming pool for Hitler youth in the quarters of the Great Synagogue of Poznan, the *Ostdeutscher Beobachter* reports. Bathing facilities for the general population have also been installed in the synagogue.

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DEFY GESTAPO ORDER

ZURICH, April 15, 1942 (JTA) —
Underground Jewish education, with textbooks either written by hand or typed, is now developing throughout Nazi-held Poland in defiance of the Gestapo order under which all Jewish schools had been closed.

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DESPERATE APPEAL FOR FOOD

JERUSALEM, April 19, 1942 (JTA) —
An appeal to Gen. Sikorski, the Polish premier, and to central Jewish organizations in the United States and England was cabled from here today on behalf of the Jews in Nazi-held Poland, asking for "immediate action to save hundreds of thousands of starving Jews in the ghettos from extinction."

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BIRTHS TO BE REDUCED

LONDON, April 17, 1942 (JTA) —
Nazi authorities in Poland are insisting that the number of Jewish births in the Warsaw ghetto, which is very small as compared with pre-war times, must be further reduced, Polish circles here learned.

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HUNGARIAN PREMIER FORECASTS EXPULSION

ZURICH, April 21, 1942 (JTA) —
Hungarian Jews, variously estimated at from 800,000 to 1,250,000, including those in former Romanian territory, were faced today with a threat of mass expulsion, described by Premier Nicolas von Kallay as the "ultimate solution of the Hungarian-Jewish problem."

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JEWS EXECUTED IN LWOW

KUIBYSHEV, April 22, 1942 (JTA) —
Approximately 13,000 Jews have been executed by the Nazis in Lwow since the capital of eastern Galicia was occupied by the German army.

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DUTCH JEWS GHETTOIZED

STOCKHOLM, April 20, 1942 (JTA) —
Nazi oficials in occupied Holland are now moving the Jews from Dutch provincial towns into the Amsterdam ghetto, under the pretext that they intend to make Amsterdam "a port of exodus for Jews from Europe."

More than education needed for survival

CJC Plenary

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —
Jewish education, while necessary for Jewish survival, is not a panacea for the problem, a forum at the Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary was told.

Speakers Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director of the Toronto Board of Jewish Education, and Prof. Morton Weinfeld, professor of sociology at McGill University, agreed that education must be considered in its broadest sense.

Ours is a multicultural, multilingual society, Rabbi Witty noted, where people can freely observe their faith, transmit it, even wear distinctive clothing (such as the Sikh turban).

It is necessary then, he said, to decide what the "unique otherness" of being Jewish is, and to decide why, and how, to preserve it.

Jewish identity, he said, has been preserved by three factors — Jews, Jewishness and Judaism.

He differentiated these respectively as the desire to be with other Jews even if one doesn't observe rituals, go to shul, or send one's children to Jewish schools; what might be called culture, such as Jewish jokes, art, music, literature, Yiddish terms, food, commitment to Israel; and religious practice.

What must occur, he said, is a partnership between chinuch, education by doing, such as occurs in the home, and limud, the acquisition of intellectual knowledge.

There must be an integration of knowledge and emotion, ideas and memories, he said.

While school is terribly important as an instrument of survival, he said, we delude ourselves if we don't realize the very real importance of the family, and there must be a willingness to take the necessary steps to maximize this.

"We can't be concerned for the survival of Judaism in oppressed societies, without being concerned with its survival here."

Weinfeld emphasized that "the purpose of Jewish education is to educate Jews, not to replace the home or to turn on children to Judaism."

Going to Paris, as an example, is no substitute for sitting down and learning French.

"Jewish education stands on its own merits, not on what it can do to ensure Jewish survival."

He noted recent surveys of Jewish young people which showed many are "culturally illiterate," such as being unable to name three Israeli prime ministers or to say when the modern state was established.

Education, he said, can not vaccinate Jews against intermarriage. What it can do, he said, is, when intermarriage does occur, provide a foundation for the family to lead a Jewish life.

Weinfeld said he sees three particular problems in Jewish education, which he felt must be addressed — the instilling of "menschlichkeit" both within the peer group and between parents and children, the tension between the autonomy demanded by individual day schools and the question of accountability in a time when money is tight, and the use of schools to facilite such non-academic goals as the integration of immigrants and differing socio-economic levels in the community itself.

Star editor answers complaints

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
Use of the words "slum landlord," in a front page headline to describe a Jewish Holocaust survivor character in a play was "unfortunate" a top executive of the *Toronto Star* acknowledged to a forum on The Media and Jewish Issues at the Canadian Jewish Congress.

But Haroon Siddiqui, editorial page editor of the newspaper, made no comment when delegate Robert Engel criticized the *Star* for publishing a photograph of the Reichmann family on the way to shul

The CBC knew about the opportunity to photograph the Reichmanns at their synagogue but decided against doing so, Steve Paikin, anchor of the CBC six o'clock TV newscast, said. Paikin said he was sure the *Star* action was "a matter of ignorance, not malice."

Siddiqui promised to take to the *Star's* editorial board a complaint from delegate David Rotenberg that the paper fails to balance the anti-Israel columns of Richard Gwyn with other articles on the op-ed pages.

The *Star* editor said the paper runs twice as many pro-Israel letters to the editor as it does anti-Israel ones and pointed out that it gives more space to letters opposing one of its editorials than the editorial itself took.

Siddiqui said there was a greater diversity of opinion in the United States Jewish community than in Canada. "There is no single view in Canadian Jewry but differences are largely kept within the family. You should consider whether internalizing the debate does you more harm in the long run."

He invited the community to keep a close eye on the paper. "I want you to keep my life miserable," he joked.

Intermarriages not seen as all gloom and doom

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
Despite intermarriage levels of 45 per cent in the United States, the number of children being raised as Jews as the result of conversions is high enough that there is no need to worry about the future of North American Jewry.

This is the conclusion of Prof. Stephen Cohen, Queen's College, New York, an expert on Jewish population statistics, who spoke to a plenary session of the triennial meeting of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

"The level of intermarriages is not an unmitigated disaster, it doesn't spell gloom and doom," Cohen said.

"There is more decline in Jewish numbers from low birth rates than from intermarriage."

He concluded: "American and Canadian Jewish life will continue."

Three times as many people convert to Judaism as leave Judaism as a result of mixed marriages, he said.

One way of ensuring the continuity of North American Jewry is to make a visit to Israel "a fundamental rite of passage" for every Jew, Martin Goldfarb, of Goldfarb Consultants, another panelist, said.

Polls have revealed that Canadian Jews who have been to Israel are more likely to light candles on Friday, have a family seder, fast on Yom Kippur, pay dues to a synagogue, be a member of a Jewish organization and a volunteer for Jewish causes, Goldfarb said.

Available survey data shows that 19 percent of Canadian Jews say they are Orthodox, 38 percent say they are Conservative, 11 percent Reform and 32 percent say they are "just Jewish," the pollster said.

Jewish ritual practice in Canada remains quite high, Goldfarb said. More than nine in 10 have a seder, almost nine in 10 light Chanukah candles, more than half light Shabbat candles, 75 percent say they fast on Yom Kippur, close to 90 percent have a mezuzzah on their door, (Shabbat) candle sticks and Jewish books in their homes.

More than half believe there is definitely a God, he said, with most Orthodox adherents believing this, about one in two Conservatives, and one in three Reform Jews.

"On most measures of ritual involvement, those in their 30s score at least as high as those much older. Fears about the commitment of the young are largely unfounded."

Professor Cohen said it is a fallacy that Canadian Jews are the same as Jews in the United States except that they are a generation behind. On many levels, he said, Canadian Jews show a deeper commitment to Jewish values and institutions.

"In Canada you have a whole class of secular Jews. There is a way of being a Jew in Canada that is not available to Jews in United States."

Twice as many Canadian Jews read a Jewish newspaper, twice as many donate more than $100, Canadian Jews visit Israel twice as often and two-thirds of Canadian Jews have visited Israel, compared with only one-third in the United States.

Younger Jews are no less observant than older Jews in the United States and Canada at all age levels but they are less attached to Israel and to Jewish institutions, Cohen said.

Aside from trips to Israel, he said the major factors in ensuring the continuity of Jewish life are Jewish day schools, Jewish summer camps, and Jewish youth groups.

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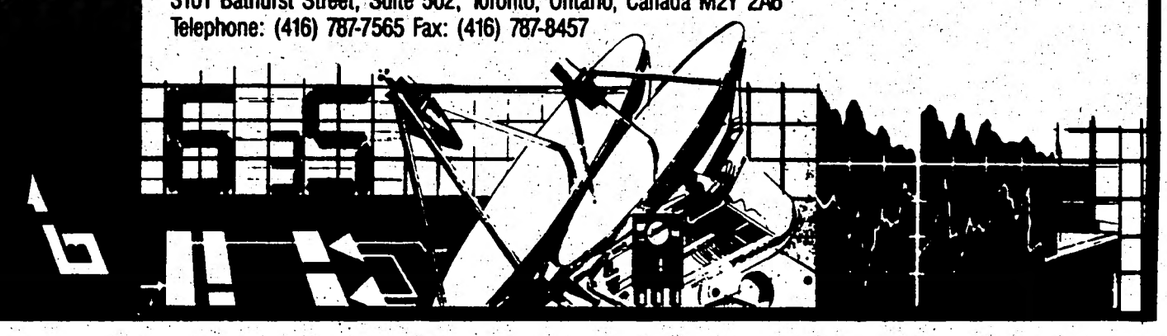

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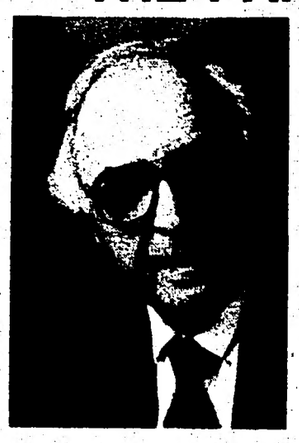

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TEL AVIV (JTA) —

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The advertisement, headlined "10 million years of evolution led to this," featured a row of creatures, from apes to caveman to a modern athlete holding a can of the American soft drink which has just been licensed to the local Tempo beverage company.

When the Eda Haredi rabbinical court saw the ad plastered across the company, it went ape. The Eda Haredi, which believes that the Almighty created Man 5,752 years ago, denounced the Darwinian ad as "abomination," "blasphemy," and "catastrophe," and pulled the kashrut certificate from Pepsi and all other Tempo products.

Avraham Bornstein, owner of Tempo and himself Orthodox, quickly apologized and said he would withdraw the ads. But it was too late to pull them from the weekend papers, which had already been printed.

For the Gitan advertising agency which created the ad, there was one piece of good news: Pepsi headquarters in the United States expressed interest in the Israeli-made ad, Israel radio reported.

A Pepsi Cola advertisement in Tel Aviv that Pepsi says will be withdrawn soon. An Ultra-Orthodox Jewish group said it would lift kosher certification from the soft drink unless the ad campaign dropped references to evolution. Ultra-Orthodox Jews reject the theory of evolution. (RNS photo/Reuters)

Terrorist's escape tarnishes police

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Escaped Palestinian terrorist Jamil Ismail Baz was recaptured without resistance last week, but his four days at large have tarnished the reputation of Israel's national police and left a trail of ruined careers.

Police Inspector-General Ya'acov Terner announced that he was dismissing the two police officers assigned to guard the convict when he escaped from a prison van May 11.

Terner said he would also relieve several senior police officers of their posts for failing to enforce strict observance of standing orders regarding prisoner security inside detention facilities and in transit.

The major shakeup conforms to the recommendations of a police commission of inquiry set up to investigate how a maximum-security prisoner, shackled with leg irons, managed to free himself and escape from a prison van transporting him back to Lachish prison from a court hearing.

Baz, a resident of the Gaza Strip, is serving a life sentence plus 16 years for fatally stabbing Israel Defence Force soldier Nadav Deri and wounding three other soldiers at a bus stop outside Tel Aviv in July.

Terner said he would demote Chief Inspector Morris Cohen, the commanding officer of Lachish Prison, where Baz is incarcerated. Terner described Cohen as an inexperienced junior officer elevated two months ago to a position of responsibility that was apparently beyond his ability. He will not be allowed to command a detention facility in the future.

Terner seemed to lay equal blame on senior police officers in Cohen's district for apparently letting him muddle through unaided. They will be disciplined by Terner and removed from their posts.

Most of the officers involved have engaged legal counsel and may charge unfair treatment by the police high command.

The apprehension of Baz the morning of May 15 was a distinct anticlimax to the massive manhunt that employed hundreds of police, border police, troops, and the IDF anti-terrorist squad, backed up by helicopters and civilian volunteers, which began as soon as his escape was reported.

He was discovered starving and dejected, sitting on a culvert on the Ashkelon-Gaza highway. He offered no resistance when approached by police Sgt. Hammed Hajarart of Bir El Maksur, who is assigned to the Gaza precinct, and Eliezer Lugassi, a civil guard volunteer from Dugit.

They had been driving north in Lugassi's car when they spotted Baz, who may very well have been hoping to be captured.

He said that during his four days' meandering over the countryside he'd had nothing to eat and only some water to drink.

He told questioners that his escape from the prison van was not premeditated. One of the two guards assigned to watch him was driving the van. The other, whom regulations required to be with the prisoner at all times, joined his companion to ride in the comfort of the cab, leaving the chained prisoner on his own.

Baz said he picked the lock of his leg irons with a piece of wire he found and picked the lock of the rear door of the van, from which he made his escape.

He was not discovered missing until the van stopped for water and the two guards found the door open and their prisoner gone. They could not even say when or where on the road the escape occurred.

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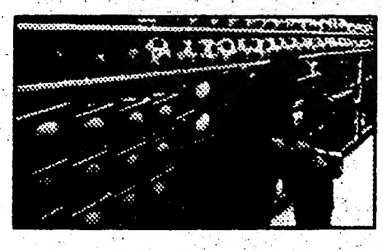

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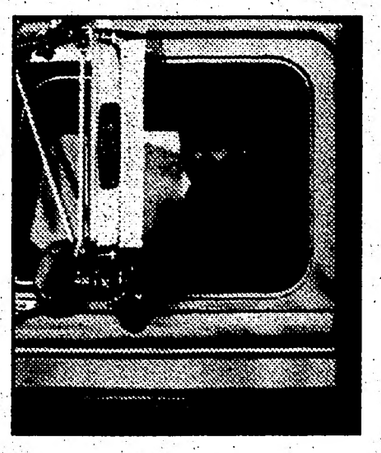

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Kotel attracts new customs

JERUSALEM (WZPS) —

In recent years a multitude of new customs have evolved that centre around the Western Wall of the Temple Mount — the Kotel. Some of these are rabbinically initiated by spiritual leaders of our times while others have developed spontaneously.

A good example is the practice of holding bar mitzvah celebrations at the Wall. Says one rabbi, "I estimate that one out of every three bar mitzvah boys in Israel marks his coming of manhood at the Kotel." Colorful customs surround the bar mitzvah ceremony, centralized around the 13-year-old's reading of the Torah, especially in the Sephardi communities. These include enthusiastic ululating from the woman's section, occasional drumming or musical accompaniment and the throwing of sweets.

Not only Israelis celebrate this way. Many families from abroad plan trips to Israel around a bar mitzvah or a bat mitzvah at the Kotel.

Most Israelis have attended an army swearing-in ceremony at the Wall, to mark the end of basic training. After a speech on the importance of pledging allegiance to Israel's armed forces, the symbol representing the new corps is set ablaze. Each soldier, in the presence of family members, is then given both a gun and a Bible by his commanding officer.

The Kotel is also the final stop for Mass Kumta (the Beret March). At the end of their army service, paratroopers must undergo a rigorous march of some 40 kilometres before they can obtain their beret. The soldiers often arrive exhausted mentally and physically, turning the reunion with family members into a highly emotional one.

The Gadna pre-army youth group concludes its summer training session at the Kotel and numerous political rallies and demonstrations also end at the ancient site. Many organizations, such as the UIA Bonds, also hold their introductory and closing ceremonies at the Wall before returning home.

Many of the new customs that have been established in our generation take place on holidays. During the Ten Days of Penitence between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, for example, both religious and secular school groups come to the Kotel for Selichot (Penitential) prayers. They often arrive at midnight for this impressive worship. Deposited just outside the Dung Gate, a teacher or guide may take the opportunity to explain not only the custom of midnight prayers at this season, but lead them on an unforgettable night tour of the Old City.

On Jerusalem Day there is a similar midnight pilgrimage of visitors to the Wall where the reunification of the country's capital is celebrated with prayers and enthusiastic dancing. For daytime visitors to the Wall, a national ceremony is held with speakers, an army band and prayers.

One week later, congregations from all over Jerusalem gather at the Kotel at sunrise on the morning of Shavuot to recite the Shacharit service. Many study Torah in groups all night long to commemorate the Giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. Between 3 and 4 a.m. they descend to the Kotel by the thousands, filling the plaza in the grey, rosy light of dawn.

On the third or fourth day of Pesach and Sukkot a mass blessing takes place during the Musaf service. Hundreds of kahanim (descendants of the original priests) from all over Israel gather at the Wall. At a particular point in the prayers, they lift their white prayer shawls above their heads, and with their hands raised aloft, bless the worshippers with the traditional blessing — "May the Lord Bless and Keep You . . ." The huge, synchronized priestly Blessing has special significance, for according to ancient tradition, it is a means of advancing the Messiah's coming.

The Ministry of Religion organizes a kind of holiday pilgrimage on this day and buses in groups of moshav and kibbutz members from around the country. They then ascend Mount Zion, a modern re-enactment of the ancient pilgrimages to the Temple during the holiday season.

The midnight prayers recited yearround by Kabbalists, are another example of old practices re-enacted today. This service has lost some of its mystery and intimacy in the present setting of the huge, well-lit Kotel plaza and is very different from the modest, but intense experience of worshippers from bygone days.

Similarly, Tisha b'Av, the anniversary of the Temple's destruction, formerly a day of national mourning, has taken on the atmosphere of a giant gathering. Although worshippers continue to sit on the ground by the Kotel as a sign of mourning and read Kinot and Lementations, the atmosphere can be almost carnival-like.

The mass priestly blessing — Birkat Hacohenim — at the Western Wall during the Pesach festival. [WZPS photo]

Mount of Olives sacred site

JERUSALEM (WZPS) —

Highlighting by the depth of the Kidron Valley, the Old City's impressive stone walls and the resplendent gold of the Temple Mount's Dome of the Rock, the Mount of Olives offers an inspiring and breathtaking view of the Old City of Jerusalem. Its significance, however, surpasses the scenic.

Professor David Amiran of the Hebrew University's Department of Geography says, "The ancient Jewish cemetery on the Mount of Olives is, according to Jewish tradition, the place where the resurrection will take place following the coming of the Messiah." The Midrashic Book of Legends states that Ezekiel will ascend the Mount of Olives and blow a trumpet to signal the resurrection of the dead.

Consequently, the site has been the most sought after Jewish cemetery for centuries. Indeed it is often referred to as the second most sacred spot in Judaism, after the Westeren Wall. Even in biblical times Jews buried their dead on the Mount, at the foot of which lie three monumental tombs of Absalom, son of King David, the prophet Zacharia, and the prominent Ben Hasir family.

But while historic references describe a hillside lush with olive, cedar and cinnamon trees, this is not the case today; today the graves proliferate.

The Church of All Nations by the Garden of Gethsemane, at the foot of the Mount, is where Jesus is believed to have meditated before being arrested, while the nearby Church of Dominus Flevit is where he wept over the destiny of Jerusalem. Some of the impressively gnarled olive trees are several thousand years old and are believed to pre-date Jesus himself.

In fact, Amiran points out, the Mount of Olives, which stands 2,684 (826 metres) above sea level, has apparently "shrunk" with time. "In strict geographical terms," he says, "the Mount of Olives has three peaks. The first peak is more commonly called Mount Scopus and is now the site of the Hebrew University campus. The second peak is the Arab village of A-Tur. Today, it is only the third peak, the cemetery, which is synonymous with the Mount of Olives."

During the War of Independence, Israel lost the Mount of Olives and it was not recovered until 1967, by which time the Jordanian authorities had wrought extensive damage to the cemetery. In his book *Whose Jerusalem*, British historian Terence Prittie catalogued the destruction: "Out of 50,000 [grave]stones, 38,000 were defaced, smashed or removed. A road was built through the middle using the stones and a mosque was built squarely in the middle of the ancient cemetery as a symbol of Muslim possession."

To this day, Kohanim (descendants of the Jewish priestly family) are forbidden to travel on the old Jerusalem-Jerico road leading to the Mount of Olives or visit the nearby area of the Seven Arches Hotel, lest they inadvertently tread on a Jewish tomb.

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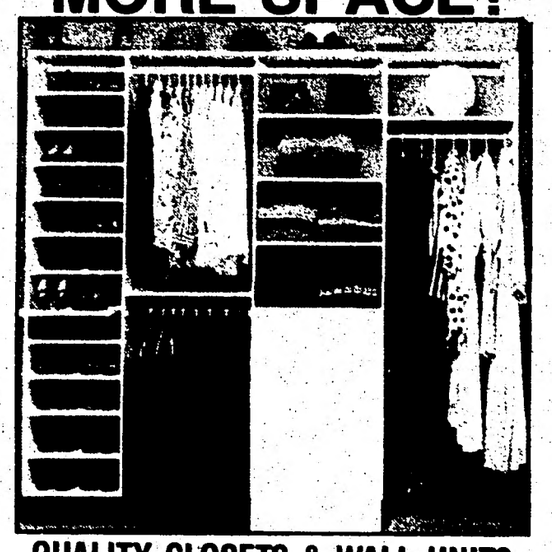

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Israel, Egypt plunged into new spy scandal

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Israel and Egypt plunged into another espionage scandal less than two weeks after four Israelis held as spies in Cairo were released.

The Egyptians are now demanding that Israel reciprocate by freeing a man alleged to have been spying on Israel for Egyptian intelligence for at least six years.

The Israelis insist he must stand trial.

The suspect, about 45, was not publicly identified. According to the Israeli authorities, he was detained by an army patrol last Sept. 8 trying to cross the Jordanian border into Israel near Eilat.

He was held under administrative detention for six months and formally charged two months ago, by which time the Egyptian authorities reportedly had been notified of his arrest.

Representatives of the Egyptian consulate are said to have visited him several times in the Beersheba jail.

But the case became public knowledge only last Thursday when the suspect was taken to the Beersheba District Court to have his detention extended. Journalists petitioned the court to release information about the case.

Secrecy was maintained, according to the authorities, for fear that publicity would have jeopardized the release of David Ovitz, an Israeli furniture dealer detained in Cairo along with Israeli Arab Fares Mussarti, his son Majid and daughter Faya.

They were arrested early in February on suspicion of spying, though it was never made clear for whom. They were freed and returned to Israel on May 6.

The Israelis said their suspect, a resident of Sinai, had been infiltrating Israel regularly since the mid-1980s on behalf of Egyptian intelligence. They said he passed on classified information and photographs of military installations in southern Israel.

According to the official account, the suspect told his captors he was going from Jordan to Egypt and crossed into Israel by mistake. But Jordan has no common border with Egypt.

The suspect later confessed, Israeli sources said. But Egypt is demanding his release as a gesture of good will for the release of the four Israelis jailed in Egypt.

David Orvitz is hugged by his wife Yael on his return to Israel May 6. (RNS photo/Reuters)

Schoolgirl's murder angers mob

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morning. What did I get back? A cold corpse. Who will be held accountable?"

The incident marked the fourth attack by Arabs on unarmed Jews within 11 days.

The day of violence began at 4 a.m. when Israeli army and border police anti-terrorist units struck a severe blow at one of the deadliest terror gangs in the Gaza Strip, killing three members of the Hamas-affiliated Al-Kassam cell.

Border Police Sgt.-Maj. Eiran Sobelman, 26, who led one attack force, was killed when a terrorist caught on a stairwell opened fire with a pistol.

Mohammed Kandil, 24, and Yasser Hassarat, 28, were shot dead. A third Arab, Marwan a-Zayegh, 19, was killed on a nearby roof.

According to police, a-Zayegh, despite his youth, was "responsible for dozens of murders," including 24 Gazans and the brutal slaying of three Jewish employees of an aluminium factory in Jaffa in December 1990.

Officials said a-Zayegh was also responsible for the shooting death last January of Gaza settler Doron Shorshan and is considered to have been behind the murder of sheep farmer David Cohen last week.

Within hours of the operation, confrontations with soldiers erupted in camps and towns across the Gaza Strip. Tires were set on fire and roadblocks erected. Troops wounded 34 in the riots, according to Palestinian sources; eight according to the Israeli army.

The army said there was no apparent link between the Gaza clash and Rapp's stabbing.

Police Minister Ronni Milo said he will present to cabinet a proposal that Arab workers from the Gaza Strip be barred from entering Israel.

Front Line

COMMENTARY

The system is flawed, not the Jews

By
RUTH WISSE

Where do the Jews fit in today's debate over political correctness? Despite denials from the politically correct, it is by now generally acknowledged, at least in America, that a progressive orthodoxy has congealed in the universities and parts of the liberal media, dictating policy on such issues as race, gender, and disadvantaged minorities. As one of this century's most disadvantaged minorities, understandably sensitive to public opinion, Jews are naturally wary of a doctrinaire turn in the culture. How, then, do Jews figure in the new progressive orthodoxy, and what adjustment do they make to its requirements?

The following incident may serve as a mild example of the current scene: a young professor at one of the elite eastern American college reports that at the urging of certain student groups on his campus, the administration agreed to provide funds for a one-day conference on racial intolerance. When the program was drawn up, Jews were not cited among the relevant minorities, and the Jewish groups were not invited to participate. Jewish students and several faculty members who protested their unfair exclusion were told by the president of the college that the question of racial prejudice did not pertain to them.

It seems absurd that on the same campus where courses are taught on the Holocaust, Jews should be excluded from a discussion of racial prejudice. Yet the campus reaction to the Jews today is almost identical with what it was in the 1930s and 1940s when the destruction of the Jews was being planned and executed. Writing about those years, the former Marxist, American Sidney Hook recalled:

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We were sensitive to the national aspirations of all other persecuted people . . . Yet when it came to our kinfolk, we lapsed into a proud universalism. We did not for a moment deny our Jewish origins . . . but we were indifferent — when not overtly hostile — to Zionism.

Hook does not explain this absence of sympathy for the Jews on the part of young leftists who prided themselves on their progressive views, but the main reason was to be sought in progressivism itself.

No doctrinaire church or creed has ever been able to tolerate the stubborn familiarity of the Jewish people; the various branches of Marxism, which remain the unacknowledged source of current secular orthodoxy, were almost uniformly opposed to the historical persistence of the Jews. It was Christianity's reach for a universal brotherhood of love rather than Judaism's pursuit of a self-disciplining nation that provided the model for European socialism, and just as Christianity had trouble forgiving the Jews for not having dissolved themselves into its embrace, so, too, socialism could never forgive the Jews for resisting its solution to the anomaly of their existence.

Because Jews had no land, they were expected to be the first to voluntarily dissolve themselves into the new International. It was perfectly all right to have them born a Jew, since no one could determine his birth, and Marxist theory, which prided itself on its rationality, would never penalize a person for what he could not change through force of will. But by the same token, it was utterly incorrect for any Jew to want to remain a Jew, much less to reclaim a national territory and reconstitute a Jewish homeland. Whereas Nazism wanted to purge the Aryan race of Jews, Marxism wanted Jews to disappear into the classless society. From the standpoint of the left, Jews have always figured as the very paradigm of political, incorrectness.

Perhaps the most creative Jewish response to hostility of Marxism was Labor Zionism in all its gradations. Many young European Jews tried to balance their national and ideological needs by establishing a socialist homeland so that Jews could join the International on an equal footing. And because Israel was founded as a democracy with a socialist government in power, it initially appeared to be the model socialist state. For a short time after World War II, the victimization of the Jews under fascism further strengthened their leftist credentials.

But as Israel evolved into a normal democracy with a multiparty system — which eventually brought a non-socialist government to power — the old image of the Jews as the archetypal spoilers emerged on both the left and the right. Concurrently, the Arabs resuscitated all the old Communist slogans of the 1930s including the identification of Zionism with fascism, with racism, and with imperialism, and presented themselves, much as the Russian peasants had done, as the victims of Jewish exploiters.

Now, once again, Jews will try in vain to prove their liberal credentials and political correctness. Jews can never escape the trap of Marxism, neo-Marxism, or today's generalized culture of victimization, as long as they keep trying to satisfy its essential intolerance. Unqualified acceptance of the Jews is the first requirement of any social system or ideas. Unless granted, it is the system that is flawed — not the Jews.

ANALYSIS

Germany, Israel share strange ties

By
RON CSILLAG

Hans Peter Kaul measures his words very carefully. Despite being personally self-effacing, Kaul fully realizes his job's enormous implications. Forty-seven years after the Third Reich made most of Europe *Judenrein*, it falls on his shoulders to mold modern Germany's relations with the State of Israel.

This is not just any foreign service desk job, even though Kaul's title is typically bureaucratic: Acting Director of the Office for Near East Affairs with special responsibilities for German-Israeli Relations and the Peace Process.

Emphasis on the special responsibilities, for that is what Germany faces in dealing with the Jewish state. This is a relationship as no two other countries have on the planet; the country that plotted to destroy the Jews, and was one-third successful, obviously cannot have normal diplomatic relations with the nation risen from the ashes of Adolf Hitler's madness.

No one knows that better than Kaul, a 48-year-old career diplomat who has served in German embassies in Washington and Tel Aviv. "If you're really conscious of the past," he says, "it's astonishing that we can talk of close relations with Israel, given the mind-boggling dimensions of Germany's past. It's really an achievement."

Indeed. Today, Germany and Israel enjoy unsually close relations. Israel's embassy here is its second largest, after Washington. Throughout unified Germany, 80 cities and towns are twinned with Israeli urban centres, compared with 27 cities in the United States and only a handful in Canada. Every university in Israel has established symbolic ties with a German institute of higher learning. Israel successfully lures thousands of German teenagers to kibbutzim and Jewish families every summer. Each year, Germany releases to Israel 140 million Deutschmarks in credits at two percent interest, with the first 10 years interest-free. Jerusalem receives an outright annual grant from Bonn of between 20 million and 30 million marks.

Hans Peter Kaul

It wasn't always so. Relations between Israel and what was West Germany were only established in 1965. Kaul places the delay squarely at Israel's doorstep.

"There was strong opposition in Israel to setting up ties with Germany. Menachem Begin spoke out against reparation payments [to Holocaust survivors] as early as 1952."

Begin fiercely opposed German compensation for victims of Nazi persecution, feeling it was blood money. To his last day, he refused to shake the hand of any German, save for Nazi-hunter Beate Klarsfeld. His antipathy to Germans was so strong that he would not ride in a Mercedes and he once publicly lambasted former Chancellor Helmut Schmidt as a one-time member of Hitler Youth.

Begin represented the views of millions of Jews everywhere, to whom Germany was anathema, a place where the ground is soaked with Jewish blood.

Times have changed, if slightly. President Chaim Herzog has visited here (despite some bitter opposition at home) and Chancellor Helmut Kohl has been to Jerusalem, where he obtusely said he was lucky to have been born too late.

But setbacks in German-Israeli relations have been many and ugly in their anti-Semitic overtones.

Former U.S. President Ronald Reagan's 1985 visit, with Kohl at his side, to the Bitburg cemetery, where SS troops are buried, leaps to mind. Kohl's chatty luncheon meeting in late March with Austrian pariah Kurt Waldheim "questions whether Germany is conscious of its past," Kaul notes. Bonn's cozy business dealings with Iraq, including sales of lethal gas leading up to the Gulf War, was "a devastating thing," especially given the relationship between the concepts of Germany, Jews and gas.

And a unified Germany has incorporated sentiments from the former Communist east, which was imbued with anti-Israel propaganda for 40 years and where the PLO maintained an embassy which, among other things, recruited German army officers to train its cadres.

Many here have accused Germany of grovelling at Israel's feet, playing the forever guilty party. And since the intifada, Bonn has been implored by its citizens to get tough with the Jewish state.

"Germany has a psychological barrier to overcome," Kaul says. "It needs courage and determination, especially on the human dimension. Any threat to Jews and Israel is painful. Emanating from Germany, it means something different."

The relationship was put to the test during the Gulf War. Germany's constitution, written following World War II, prohibits the country from arming itself beyond for defensive purposes. But when the Scuds began to rain on Israel — missiles developed with German know-how — Bonn committed over 1.6 billion marks in humanitarian aid, some in cash; two state-of-the-art non-nuclear submarines worth 880 million marks and financed, to the tune of 165 million marks, the delivery of U.S. Patriot missile batteries.

Bonn has also stepped into the vacuum left by Washington's withdrawal on the $10 billion loan guarantee. While Kaul notes there's "no question" about Germany's willingness to help Israel settle immigrant Jews, he concedes that his government has not been able to bridge the gap between its strained resources and Israel's demands. Bonn recently confirmed that it was considering Israel's request for aid. But the two sides are far apart: Israel has requested $6.2 billion from Germany; Germany has offered $1.2 billion. Israel has rejected that amount, as well as a further $2 billion in credit guarantees, as insufficient.

Israel continues to use strong language on this. Following the German offers, Foreign Minister David Levy argued that unlike West Germany, the former east never made raparation payments to victims of Nazism, while Levy's erstwhile deputy, Benjamin Netanyahu, is said to have remarked recently that Israel should now look to Germany as its main benefactor because, as an aide put it, "he figures they owe us."

As a diplomat, Kaul knows the vocabulary. German-Israel relations, he says, are "close, intensive and comprehensive." But the bottom line, he admits, is that Germany and Israel have a strange, symbiotic relationship, born of evil, guilt and sincere efforts at bridge-building, each needing the other for its own reasons. Normal, these ties will never be.

CJN reporter Ron Csillag spoke with Hans Peter Kaus at the Federal Foreign Office in Bonn during a recent tour of Germany.

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A plenary feast

The 23rd Plenary Assembly of Canadian Jewish Congress, held last week in Toronto, was, first and foremost, a gathering of Jews from across Canada, met in common purpose, to learn about and to debate the issues that concern us as a community.

Those who attended certainly learned. It was a feast of topics, focussed on our relations with each other, the broader Canadian community, and Israel. At times, the sheer volume of information and number of speakers was overwhelming; sessions ran late, question periods were curtailed, and much of the debate was carried on in private rather than in open session. As a result of the packed agenda, many resolutions had to be tabled. What is of concern is that those not voted on at the Plenary — specifically resolutions dealing with relations with other ethnic groups and with aboriginals, and resolutions concerning immigration and the status of women — will be perceived as having a lower priority within the Canadian Jewish community. This is not a message we should be conveying. A more rigorous winnowing of resolutions would allow for fuller debate on *all* of those that matter. Adding to the perception problem was the placing of a number of major issues — most notably, the status of women, immigration and small communities — on the Shabbat schedule; as a result, full recording and reporting of the discussions was impossible.

These points noted, this Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary was one of the most intensive examinations of Canadian Jewish concerns, and responsibilities, in which we could have participated. The sessions on Canadian unity were passionate and involving, and left no doubt that Canadian Jews are committed to unity, not simply because, as a number of speakers noted, it has been good for the Jews, but because we believe it can be good for all Canadians.

As a community, we have been challenged to contribute to the development of the new Canada. We have a unique perspective: in whatever land we have found ourselves, we have preserved our culture, our faith and our language. We can, therefore, play a unique role, as interlocuters among francophones, aboriginals, and immigrants.

This is a challenge we must take up.

Forza Italia!

As historian Irving Abella has noted, Canada is a country of immigrants that hates immigrants. Polls conducted in this country in 1946 revealed that 45 percent of Canadians were even hostile to British immigration. Another poll wanted most to keep out Jewish and Japanese immigrants.

It was against this background that one of the most dramatic waves of immigration in Canadian history touched the shores of this country. It was in the immediate post-World War II era that the inhabitants of a country that had been at war with Canada began to enter this country and make their signal contribution to its ethos.

Today, more than 400,000 Italian-Canadians make their home in Toronto and the city ranks only after New York City, Sao Paulo and Buenos Aires in terms of its Italian heritage population.

As Franca Iacovetta notes in her book, *Hardworking People* (McGill-Queen's University Press) many of the early Italians in Toronto suffered discrimination and abuse because of their origins. Some who came from the southern part of the country were branded by Laval Fortier, Canada's former commissioner for overseas immigration, as people incapable of being assets to Canada.

Spokesmen for the Protestant Orange Order in Ontario had equally ungracious things to say about the Italian immigration. One spokesman for the Order, Iacovetta notes, complained about "ignorant, almost black people," who hailed from a Vatican-controlled country.

The early Italian immigrants were the targets of the same litany of complaints often levelled against immigrants today. The most common among the charges were that Italian newcomers were taking jobs away from Canadians and were becoming drains on the welfare system.

In fact, Italian-Canadians, because of their frugality, family structure and work ethic, made enormous contributions to the Canadian economy, as Italian-Canadian laborers (among others) physically helped to build this country's roads, highways, houses, office buildings and factories.

By the 1960s Italian Canadians, still largely blue collar workers, had begun to prosper as entrepreneurs, merchants, builders and members of the professions. The vast majority of Italian-Canadians had, moreover, retained both their family ties and their affection for the things which Italians revere — language, culture, music and gastronomy.

Since the 1950s Toronto, and to a lesser extent, Montreal, have benefited enormously from the joie de vivre found in the Italian community.

In the cultural mosaic that is Toronto and Canada itself, the Italian-Canadians have played an endearing role.

REMEMBERING HER SON

A woman cries over the grave of her son who was killed during the 1967 Six Days War as she visits the military cemetery on Mt. Herzl. [RNS photo/Reuters]

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

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MORE ON THE BIG BANG

Portions of Rabbi Plaut's dissertation on creation (*CJN*, May 14) can be reconciled by the scientific community to the satisfaction of the religious community.

As we know, the world was created in seven days. Yet the world seems much older than the 5,000 odd years of our calendar. How can this be? How long is a day? It must be longer than 24 hours!

Since we know that G-d is all capable, we can safely assume that he can travel the speed of light (after all, he is everywhere, right?). Thanks to Einstein's law of relativity, we know that as a person approaches the speed of light, time slows to the traveller relative to the observer. Thus G-d's seven days could be our billions of years. This proof obeys our religious and scientific laws — keeping us all happy. It also explains why people studying the Torah are apt to say "this book is light years ahead of its time!"

Jerrold Schiff
Toronto

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WHY JEWISH YOUNG PEOPLE ARE COOL TO EACH OTHER

The following is my reaction to Ruth Wisse's commentary (*CJN*, May 14).

Your image of the human race's intrinsic responsibility to procreate comes from the past. While it has been appropriate as a survival mechanism for the human species, I wonder if it's as necessary as it once was. It's difficult for me to perceive the world as having a people shortage.

Heritage, whether it be Jewish or other, inevitably brings with it strong behavioral programming. In the presence of a social environment which breeds individuality (in some respects), religious dogma which nurtures high levels of uniformity in collective vision creates and maintains a powerful conflict in the individual who is being encouraged by challenging circumstances to do what feels right, what works.

In other words, it's difficult enough for the individual in the '90s to find something personally meaningful in his life; something which truly resonates in his soul, without having to ascribe a priori some kind of mythologically behavioral template over the entire process of living.

To me the key is relationships. One has to have a sound self-relationship to then be able to move in a stable fashion to a strong interpersonal relationship which can lead to the creation of adjusted progeny. Too many people live in the future when they have yet to master the present.

Futuristic considerations of progeny and related concerns are fundamentally secondary to the process of building a growth-oriented friendship and marriage. What I think you're seeing in the North American Jewish mating scenario that you describe is the proliferation of consciousness; individuals releasing themselves from what Mummy and Daddy did (which often didn't work even for them), and holding hard and fast to what feels good, what works. From this perspective money takes a back seat. The irony is that there is more financial opportunity during this paradigm shift than ever before.

If the powerful practical demands of life in the '90s have taught us anything so far, it's that life itself, existentially, forces us to live in the present. If young Jews are straying as you suggest from the traditional path, examine what path they're on, from their perspective, and you'll find a vision of living which is compete and whole in the moment, and which doesn't relate well to anything pre-programmed. Best to embrace this and work from there.

Ted Engels
Toronto

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A BIBLICAL VIEW

It is interesting to note that the earliest books of the Bible make Palestine the rallying point to Israel and other nations. Moses, Isaiah and Malachi all preached the love of the Holy Land. The Zionism of the Bible dates back to the ancient days of Israel in Egypt. Actually, Moses was the first Zionist. The resurgence of this old hope for a return to the Holy Land, emerges into the vigorous Zionism movement of today.

The takeover by Israel of the so called "West Bank" after the 1967 war presented some problems. The majority of the Palestinian Arabs can remember three or four generations back to an ancestor or village whose name they still recall. In the Gaza Strip the ancestors came from Egypt. The Arabs of Judea and Galilee are descendants from the people who originally came from the eastern bank of the Jordan.

Thus, we can see that Palestine was a geographical area and not a national entity. The concept of the Palestinians as a people and a nation and Palestine as an Arab homeland is artificial and completely new. Many outside observers who advise Israel to return "occupied" territories to achieve peace, forget that the Arab armies attacked Israel in 1948. This attack happened long before there was any "occupied areas" and before an Arab refugee problem existed. These outside observers forget, or conveniently ignore, the fact that Israel since 1948 has resettled some 650,000 Jewish refugees from Arab countries, and this is a larger number than that of the Arab refugees, as described by the United Nations.

For now, Israel has expressed to the Palestinians an offer of limited self-government, and this is more than generous, considering the effect of the recent intifada.

Louis Steinberg
Toronto

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'WE ARE JEWS'

Our family came to Canada from Ukraine one year ago and I want to say that in Kiev we had no possibility to celebrate Jewish holidays.

Here in Toronto, due to the Community Integration Program and especially to Luda Felik, we understood that we are Jews.

Nachan Gilbert invited our family to celebrate a very important Jewish holiday — Passover. We enjoyed this party very much. It seemed to me that we knew each other for a long time. Our 6-year-old girl Olga has new friends now. It was an unforgettable evening.

We want to thank this wonderful family and to wish them to be healthy and happy.

Elena Kotsubsky
Toronto

Opinion

Koozmerer Rebbe played key role

By
J. B. SALSBERG

My highly esteemed readers, permit me to state, at the very outset, that I am not what may be called, a practising Chassid, or Chooset as Eastern European Jews pronounced that word. But, my father, of blessed memory, was one, though not of the Lubavitch sector. He was a devoted follower of the "Koozmerer Rebbe," from the city of Casomir, which Polish Jews pronounced as Koozmer.

The Koozmerer Rebbe occupied a very important place in my family. It was he that was responsible for my coming to Canada. Had the Koozmerer Rebbe decided otherwise, this column would never have been written, because I wouldn't be here to do it. It almost looked as if my mother would oblige my wonderful father to return to Poland for the third time since my strong-minded mother willed it so. She was worried that "America" (meaning Canada) was no place for her son; that's me.

Finally my father suggested that she take me to his chassidic rebbe (the Koozmerer Rebbe) discuss the matter with him and what the rebbe would decide so it would be. We, mother and I, did as he suggested. The rebbe listened to her very sympathetically and then he beckoned to me to come forward to his side. He looked at me very intently, then pinched my cheek and said: "You may go with him to America; he'll be all right."

(When World War I broke, in 1914, my father's chassidic friends in Toronto were certain that our rebbe foresaw the coming of the war and, therefore, urged us to go.)

J.B. Salsberg

All the above is but an introduction to this column about Lubavitch and to show that I'm not totally ignorant about chassidim. And now we can resume our observations about Lubavitch, as the world hurtles towards the end of the 20th century.

Chassidim, as we know it, came into being in Eastern Europe during the first half of the 18th century. As that movement grew, it divided into many streams, each headed by a prominent rabbinic leader and each forming a rabbinic dynasty. As a rule the chassidic streams placed emphasis on one or another aspect of chassidic philosophy and practice.

Even today, Canadian Jews living in the central cores of Jewish neighborhoods, like Montreal, Toronto or Winnipeg, can observe the variety of chassidic streams. Many of the followers of specific chassidic schools can be recognized by their dress: their hats, their coats, etc. To my knowledge only the followers of the Lubavitch wing of Chassidism are not distinguished by their dress.

In the main, Lubavitch Chassidim dress like the general Orthodox community. Yet Lubavitch has its very distinct characteristic. While all chassidic sectors pray and hope for the coming of Messiah, Lubavitch *battles militantly* for Messiah's coming now, now, now! Indeed, they prepare for that dreamed-of time by utilizing every modern device; the printed card, radio and television.

The present leader of Lubavitch, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, whose 90th birthday is now being celebrated around the world, is also a prominent secular, scientific scholar.

Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz tells us that "Menachem Mendel Schneerson attended the University of Berlin. Besides studying Judaism, he also took courses in physics and mathematics. Then, in 1933, after Hitler was elected, the couple (the present Rebbe and his young bride) fled to France. In Paris, the young rabbi enrolled at the Sorbonne and, in addition to his Jewish pursuits, also studied engineering."

Kein ayin horeh — what a record!

Now I can tell you that the Rebbe and I once drank "lechayim" to each other. It happened this way:

About 20 or so years ago I visited my friend and brother-in-law Prof. Itche Goldberg and his wife Jenny (Hinden) in New York during the Sukkot holiday. On Simchat Torah day we went to the Lubavitch centre in Brooklyn to observe the proceedings.

The place was packed but Itche and I managed to get front space about the middle of the very large Lubavitch shul.

During the Hakofes, that went on and on, the then still-young Rebbe Menachem Mendel, on the bimah, was full of energy and good cheer. Scores and scores of the immense, singing audience stood with small glasses of wine in their outstretched hands, eyes glued to the Rebbe's eyes, waiting to make eye-contact and say "lechayim" to the Rebbe and the Rebbe to nod to the lucky visitor and wish him "lechayim" too.

Well, neither Itche nor I held wine glasses in our hand. But a member of the congregation, with a wine bottle in his hands and paper cups in the other, pleaded with us to drink lechayim to the Rebbe.

Finally he said: "Do me the favor of drinking to the Rebbe." I couldn't refuse the obviously very sincere plea. Then a near miracle happened. I no sooner raised my cup in the direction of the Rebbe, than we achieved eye-contact. I said "lechayim" and the Rebbe, with a cup in his hand responded with a lechayim. We both drank from our respective cups.

The Chassid who served me the wine became genuinely excited and repeated to me a few times: "The Rebbe hot eich bald derkent (the Rebbe recognized you), Der Rebbe hot eich bald derkent!" It was a moment to remember.

Now, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, at 90, is reported to be recovering but very slowly, from a mild stroke. And I wish him a "refuah shlemah," a full and speedy recovery. Amen.

Violence in Toronto awakens public

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Compared with what took place in Los Angeles earlier this year, the demonstration in Toronto that turned into a rampage was hardly worth mentioning. Yet it was a serious manifestation of a systemic illness in our society which needs to be addressed. I am distressed that the demonstration turned ugly, that a number of police officers were injured, and innocent shopkeepers had their windows broken and their merchandise looted.

But I am glad that these unhappy events have begun to awaken our public. It is high time. To be sure, hoodlums took advantage of a charged situation, but there was more to it than hooliganism.

It is very difficult for average Canadians, or for that matter the average reader of this column, to imagine themselves in the shoes of a visible minority. Some Jews may demur and say, "We have been there, we were singled out, condemned, denied jobs or places to live and on occasion even denied insurance, and many of us changed our names to find a job entree."

There are indeed some comparison that can be made between Jews and visible minorities, but the parallels are — certainly today — rather weak. We don't wear yellow stars on our jackets to single us out for discrimination, but visible minorities do. In a society whose majority is white, they stand out. People who tend to discriminate against "others" have their targets ready-made.

The fact is that prejudice and discrimination against Jews are now sporadic and on the whole confined to specialized segments in our society: religious fanatics, skin heads, neo-Nazis, and so-called "refined people" who practise their prejudice behind boardroom doors and country club fences. But all of this, at least today, is little more than a reminder that social and psychological diseases like xenophobia and anti-Semitism, have a way of persisting, and as long as as they are kept in bounds, they present a warning rather than a tangible danger.

Rabbi Plaut

Things are different when it comes to visible minorities, and especially to blacks. The American tradition has had a far more profound impact on Canadian culture than we are ready to admit. While blacks were in Canada long before there was an Asian immigration, and were not enslaved as in the United States, they were rarely allowed to leave their status as a kind of underclass. Oriental immigrants have also suffered a great deal of discrimination, but they never were grouped with the blacks.

A complex set of circumstances, composed of historical, psychological, economic and social factors, has impeded the progress of the black community more than it has of any other — save the Native people. This lack of real hope has bred a deep despair, and to many people's surprise that despair is not confined to the United States. We lack the inner-city ghettos, but we do not lack large areas of black poverty, hopelessness, isolation, and frustration. The Los Angeles riots brought these feelings into sharp focus and when the shooting of Mr. Lawrence, a black Torontonian, occurred, it found its focal point here too.

For better or for worse, the police are always at the cutting edge of our society. To many members of visible minorities they represent not the best, but the worst, in the white majority, and past and present traces of racism in the police force continue to aggravate an always tense situation.

An acquaintance of mine who is black and is a chauffeur for a highly-placed official, finds himself pulled over to the side of the road time and time again — why? Because he drives an expensive automobile without wearing a chauffeur's cap, and therefore is, as a black, suspected by the police as possibly having stolen the car.

He is a quiet man, not given to emotional outbreaks. Every time he, a model citizen, is ordered by the police to prove he's not a criminal, his humanity is deeply injured and re-injured. I often wonder what he would do if he were young and saw no way out of being singled out for discrimination.

I want to impress upon my Jewish readers that we have an obligation to bring a special level of understanding to what has taken place in Toronto and what may take place in other communities. Over 30 times the Torah demands of us that we treat the ger, the person from the outside who is different from us, as if he were one of us.

Apparently the repetition of the commandment was necessary because our forebears offended against it. To my distress, I have heard enough in casual conversations that many Jews have attitudes no different from those of other xenophobes. And when I remind them that the way they speak is precisely the way others used to speak about us, they shrug their shoulders and say, "That's different."

Quite so. We never have been a visible minority in Canada.

Don't be a frup if lupper's not ready

By
ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

Every family has its own language, a code with a personal syntax and grammar. Each personal language includes buzz words that have distinctive meanings within the family. Some of these words are recognizable, dictionary-endorsed terms, and some are weird inventions.

We seem to specialize in generating weird words.

Our favorite is "frup." The word "frup," as far as I know (which isn't very far) was coined by my friend Charlotte. She is so deadpan, with such a dry sense of humor, that one tends to take everything she says completely seriously. Big mistake.

Charlotte says a "frup" is anything you have to do in order to do something else, not a first step, but a pre-qualifying one.

The classic frup, she says, is the little hitching up motion men perform before they sit down, when they gather the fabric of their pants just above the knee caps and twitch at it so they don't end up sitting down with their pants all bunched up. Women don't seem to do this, even when they are wearing slacks, so it must have something to do with male habit and male haberdashery.

Erica Meyer Rauzin

If you notice that you can't do anything at all without doing something else first, you are plagued by frups, as we are. Our customary bedtime conversation with the children begins, "Have you frupped yet?" This means, have you flossed, brushed, taken your vitamins, put on your pyjamas and finished your dessert.

Fridays always include the Sabbath frup. This does not cover things you do that are intrinsic to Sabbath, such as preparing food and bread, putting up an overnight stew, and setting up the candles. Frups are preliminary, not terribly enjoyable, nuisances you must undergo before you can do those things, such as polishing the silver, going to the supermarket, and getting the laundry out of the way.

We have coined other terms, including "lupper," to refer to that meal which falls between lunch and supper, sort of an afternoon version of brunch, and "all-body," our oldest daughter's baby talk rendition of "everybody."

Within our family language, some catch phrases assume meanings that have nothing to do with what is actually said.

For instance, about six months ago the streets in our neighborhood flooded. Our 2-year-old son watched from his car seat as our van chugged through the foot-deep water. Waves surged and splashed, fanning out from under the car up to the windows. The baby chortled in delight as water ran off his window. "Make boat go!" he shouted with glee.

Now, "make boat go," is the urge-on cheer of choice in our family, a battle cry employed under circumstances that have nothing at all to do with boats, but lots to do with futile attempts.

Our middle daughter, age 5 going on 40, is the queen of metaphor. She creates comparisons that become imbedded in our household language.

One night about three weeks ago, I was trying to get her to eat dinner, when she pushed back from the table and announced, "Mommy, I'm as full as a rock."

"Just another bite," I urged, looking at her barely-touched plate.

"I'm as full as a volcano," she protested.

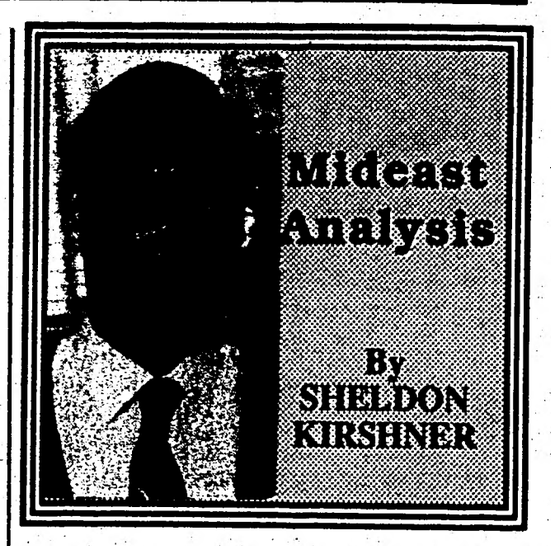
I precariously held on to a straight face. "Just one bite," I tried again.

She shook her head and trumped me conclusively with a topper that immediately became a permanent part of our family vocabulary, as she explained, "I'm as full as a turtle."

You can't get much fuller than that, so I shrugged and internally sighed, "Oh well, make boat go." Then I gave up on lupper and took all-body upstairs for their bedtime frup.

Features

Israel, Egypt don't communicate well



By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

The Middle East entered a brave, new era in the wake of Anwar Sadat's historic visit to Israel in November of 1977. Finally, Egypt and Israel would be able to iron out their differences in talks rather than through war.

Yet, as Raymond Cohen — a Hebrew University professor of international relations — demonstrates, Sadat's trip was not the prelude to a new chapter of "unencumbered communication" between Cairo and Jerusalem.

Although Israeli and Egyptian representatives could now meet freely, it quickly became apparent that they were unable to communicate. As Cohen puts it in *Culture and Conflict in Egyptian-Israeli Relations* (Indiana University Press, $27.50 U.S.): "There was conversation but there was no comprehension; not dialogue but a dialogue of the deaf."

Examples abound: The 1979 autonomy talks, a spinoff of the 1978 Camp David Accords, sputtered and died. Israel's first ambassador in Cairo was all but ostracized. The Egyptian envoy in Tel Aviv was withdrawn during the Lebanon War. Negotiations to wrap up the Taba dispute defied resolution for years. Attempts to "normalize" relations in the fields of trade, culture, tourism and scientific co-operation floundered.

A cold peace settled in.

According to Cohen, a clear pattern was discernible. "Separating the two sides were not irreconcilable differences, megalomaniac ambitions, still less soaring ideals, but a cultural chasm."

As he examined archival material, Cohen never ceased to be amazed by the rivals' ignorance of each other — their intelligence-gathering operations notwithstanding.

"Like tourists caught on different sides of the Niagara Falls, Egyptians and Israelis could only mouth and gesticulate at each other across the roaring, spray-filled divide in grotesque and mutual incoherence," he writes.

Cohen argues, with some degree of persuasiveness, that "cultural incompatability" is at the heart of Israel's and Egypt's disagreements. Divergent interests contribute in large part to this state of affairs (Egypt is inextricably linked with the Arab world), but Cohen's thesis is nevertheless intriguing.

Egyptian and Israeli cultures, he writes, are the opposing products of utterly different social circumstances, historical experiences and religious conditioning. "Each culture is virtually a closed book for the other."

Israel's profound sense of insecurity, born of anti-Semitism, is something Egypt cannot quite grasp.

In practical terms, Israel's sense of vulnerability translates into a pervasive mistrust. This mind set, Cohen rightly points out, creates formidable psychological resistance to even entering negotiations, let alone bringing them to a successful conclusion.

Several illustrations will suffice: Egyptian peace feelers in 1953 and 1954 were dismissed by Israel as mere manoeuvres. Egypt's interest after 1955 in U.S. and British offers of mediation was downplayed by Israel as an Egyptian ruse to gain time to prepare for war. Sadat's 1971 initiative for an interim agreement on the Suez Canal was rejected on the grounds that he was plotting to attack Israel in more favorable circumstances. Sadat's shocking announcement in 1977 that he would personally address the Knesset was described as a trick by the Israeli chief of staff.

By the same token, the imperatives of Egyptian foreign policy are closely integrated with the norms of Egypt's predominant fellah (peasant) culture:

•Any concession of Egyptian soil is unthinkable. Israel's incipient relationship with Egypt was thrown off course in 1978 when Israel insisted on retaining merely 1 per cent of the Sinai. Land, in Egyptian eyes, is the source of livelihood, the rock of security, the well-spring of prestige. Attachment to land is the basis of patriotism.

•Egypt's fealty to the Palestinian cause is synonymous with its loyalty to the wider Arab cause. Any weakening of support for the Palestinians, particularly in the eyes of third parties like Israel, is unacceptable.

Until 1977, Cohen writes, Egypt was ready to explore the possibility of an honorable accommodation with Israel, provided three conditions were met.

In a culture where the concept of "shame" looms large, Egypt could not appear to be the supplicant. Second, Egypt needed some kind of prior guarantee of satisfaction on certain points of principle. Sadat defined these as "honor, land and sovereignty." Third, direct Israel-Egypt talks would have to be kept secret, in the initial phase at least, until Egypt was certain of an "honorable" outcome. Thus, on the eve of Sadat's first journey to Jerusalem, the then Israeli foreign minister, Moshe Dayan, held secret face-to-face discussions with the Egyptian deputy prime minister in Morocco to clarify matters.

Cultural divergencies also dictate negotiating tactics.

Compared with their Egyptian counterparts, Israeli negotiators proceed slowly and tend to be legalistic. The Jewish tradition of talmudic scholarship, with its infinite commentaries, has contributed to "the extreme litigiousness" of Israeli diplomats.

The Egyptians, for their part, have less faith in the irrevocable binding powers of a contract. In the words of an Arab proverb: "Peace comes from understanding, not agreement."

Language, too, has had an impact on Israel-Egypt ties.

Arabic can be bombastic. High-flown Egyptian rhetoric in the pre-1977 period had a negative effect on Egypt's image in Israel. It harmed Egyptian credibility and undermined Israeli moderates.

Hebrew, which can be a blunt language, presents problems as well. Cohen claims that relations with Egypt have been consistently "hindered" by Israeli "abrasiveness and lack of tact."

Clearly, cultural — and linguistic — imperatives go to the heart and soul of Israeli-Egyptian relations. They should not be overemphasized, but neither can they be minimized.

Israeli and Egyptian officials in Cairo in the early 1980s (IPPA).

Israel's relations with its chief patron, the United States, are frayed at the edges these days. But, as U.S. President George Bush has declared, the "fundamentals" remain intact. And, though he did not spell it out, one of the "fundamentals" is the strategic relationship that binds Jerusalem and Washington.

Strategic co-operation, a function of the late Cold War, moved into high gear in the 1980s during the Reagan administration. Yet, as Andrew and Leslie Cockburn point out in *Dangerous Liaisons* (Stoddard, $29.95), its antecedants can be traced back to 1951, to a meeting between Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and the director and deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), Walter Bedell Smith and Allen Dulles.

Ben-Gurion, we're told, put Israel's intelligence network at the service of the United States. Israel had access to information in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union simply unavailable to the United States. Cognizant of Israel's strength in this field, Smith and Dulles accepted the offer "with alacrity."

Details of the secret arrangement were thrashed out by Ben-Gurion's advisor, Reuven Shiloah, and the CIA's top officials, including James Jesus Angleton. The latter would be the CIA's principal liaison with the Mossad until the end of his career in the 1970s.

Out of this grew a relationship that drew Israel and the United States close together, particularly in the wake of the 1967 Six Day War. The Cockburns are critical of it. But in spite of themselves, they provide a reader with what seems like a credible overview of this covert arrangement.

Strategic relationship

Under a joint program called Operation KK Mountain, the Mossad gathered intelligence for the CIA in Third World nations such as Iran, Uganda and Turkey where the United States did not want too direct a presence. At a time when the United States and the Soviet Union were battling for minds and hearts in Latin America and Africa, KK Mountain was indeed useful to the Americans. But what did Israel get out of it? In a word, influence. Not only in the United States, where it really counted, but in outlying regions of the world.

In Latin America, the United States asked Israel to establish "civic action" programs as an antidote to Cuban-style revolution. As a result of these contacts, the Cockburns write, Israel laid the groundwork for seizable arms sales and military co-operation with countries like Guatemala, Honduras and Colombia.

The Israelis were exceedingly active in Nicaragua, which had supported the 1947 Palestine partition plan. For this,Israel was eternally grateful to the ruling Somoza clan.

When Nicaragua was besieged by insurrection in the late 1970s, President Anastasio Somoza turned to Israel for arms. In the final months of his reign, Somoza received 98 percent of his military supplies from Israel, the Cockburns claim. Israel's connection with the Somoza family largely explains why the successor Sandinista government was so cool to the Jewish state.

In Africa, Israel cultivated links with a variety of regimes, mainly through an aid program that, the Cockburns suggest, was supported by the United States.

Following Portugal's withdrawal from Angola in 1974, U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger expressed concern about the possibility of a pro-Soviet coup there. He asked Israel to send troops to Angola, but Israel refused. Israel, however, apparently channelled "material assistance" to the pro-Western front fighting for control of Angola.

The Cockburns dwell at length on Israel's ties with South Africa, which, they claim, were encouraged by the United States. The isolated South Africans appreciated these links. In the dark days of the Yom Kippur War, they acceded to a U.S. request to supply Israel with Centurion tanks to shore up its depleted tank force.

Dangerous Liaisons, while generally informative, is on shaky ground when it claims that the Six Day War was a CIA plot to unseat Gamal Abdel Nasser, and that the American spy ship, *Liberty*, was deliberately attacked by Israel in 1967.

Jews, Chinese forge ties

Two ancient cultures — Jewish and Chinese — got to know each other better recently while recently-forged Sino-Israel ties were strengthened.

"We will be friends forever," Ji Xianlin, professor of philosophy at Beijing University, declared as the first Internatinal Colloquim on Chinese and Jewish Culture ended at the official Diaoyutai State Guest House in Beijing.

The three-day colloquim was sponsored jointly by the World Jewish Congress and the China International Culture Exchange Centre. It brought together 24 leading Jewish and Chinese scholars.

"It was first and foremost a learning experience," said Professor Zvi Dinstein, president of Tel Aviv University, who was one of the nine Jewish participants.

Other Jewish participants included American novelist Chaim Potok, and a former president of Israel, Yitzhak Navon.

The discussions ranged from the place of learning in Jewish culture and Judaism's encounter with Christianity to Chinese philosophy and religious beliefs in ancient and contemporary China.

But culture was not the only subject on the mind of the host country. China's deputy premier, Wu Xueqian, told the visitors that he hoped Jewish businessmen from around the world would take advantage of China's policy of opening its economy to outside investment.

Wu also expressed satisfaction with the rapid normalization of China's relations with the Jewish people, symbolized by the establishment in January of formal diplomatic ties between China and Israel.

Other Chinese-Jewish talks have likewise gotten under way ending 3,000 years of cultural separation.

Recently, representatives of the American Jewish Committee met with various Chinese officials to bring a Jewish presence to China.

In addition, the Simon Wiesenthal Centre went to Shanghai, to put up a monument to Jews who were given haven in that city during World War II.

Members of the Chinese and Jewish communities have held talks in New York, including meetings between the Foundation for Ethnic Understanding, founded by Rabbi Mark Schneier, and the China Institute in America; and between the Jewish community Relations Council of New York and the New York Chinese-American Planning Council.

Those talks included members of the Israeli and Chinese diplomatic corps.

Chinese authorities clearly attached considerable importance to the recent colloquim, which was actually planned long before the establishment of Sino-Israeli relations.

Isi Leibler of Australia, co-chairman of the governing board of the WJC, who made the keynote speech, referred to China's hostility toward Israel during most of the last 40 years.

"It is clearly neither healthy nor desirable that the Jewish people, decimated in the Holocaust and struggling for survival in a largely hostile world, should be so sadly misunderstood by that huge portion of humanity represented by China," he said.

But the diplomatic breakthrough came long before anyone expected it, said Leibler.

The task of the colloquim now is to "lay the foundationis for an intellectual dialogue that, in the years to come, will provide the ballast for a deep, sustained relationship between our two peoples, transcending the dictates of ephemeral politics," he said. *(JTA)*

Election campaign kicks off

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The starting gun for Israel's election campaign sounded at midnight May 19, the deadline for filing party lists with the Central Elections Committee.

But as the race, which has been heating up for the past month, got officially under way, last-minute developments, not entirely unexpected, seemed to bode ill for the Labor Party's chances of forming the next government — even though it is currently well ahead of Likud in the polls.

Given the inexorable splintering that results from Israel's system of proportional representation, either major party must form a coalition with smaller factions to govern or to prevent its rival from forming a governing coalition in the 120-member parliament.

According to seasoned observers, an 11th-hour agreement among the haredi, or strictly Orthodox, parties to join forces for the June 23 elections, and the Arab parties' failure to reach a similar agreement, diminished Labor's ability to form a "peace coalition."

Yitzhak Peretz

Three separate parties will compete for the Arab vote, which theoretically could exceed 300,000. The largest is the Hadash Communists, a nominally mixed Arab-Jewish party that is overwhelmingly Arab in practice. It is led by the mayor of Nazareth, Tawfik Zayyad, and holds four seats in the outgoing Knesset.

But the Communists traditionally have been ignored by both the left and the right in the coalition-forming process.

The Progressive List For Peace, another ostensibly Jewish-Arab mix but virtually all Arab, is headed by Mohammed Miari, who is its sole representative in the Knesset.

The rival Arab Democratic Party, led by former Labor Party member Abd-el Wahab Darousha, is also a one-man faction. Personal animosity between Miari and Darousha defeated all efforts to form a joint list.

Their disunity may result in the elimination of both parties from the next Knesset since the threshold for a single seat has been raised from 1 to 1.5 percent of the total vote cast. In that case, tens of thousands of Arab votes will have been wasted.

Labor still, in theory, could muster the 60 Knesset mandates needed to prevent Likud from forming a coalition with the religious and right-wing parties.

But it would find it much harder to induce the haredi parties to join it in forming a government.

After weeks of haggling, the Chasidic Agudat Yisrael and the Mitnagged Degel HaTorah parties agreed to file a joint election list.

They were joined by another haredi figure, Absorption Minister Yitzhak Peretz, who had second thoughts after announcing his retirement from politics last week.

Peretz, an independent member of the present Knesset, alarmed the haredi camp last month when he said he would head a new party called Moriah.

He abandoned that idea two weeks later, only to revive it as the filing deadline approached. But Moriah will run jointly with the Agudah-Degel coalition, not in opposition to it.

Peretz is a hawk who broke with the Sephardi haredi Shas party in 1990 when its spiritual leader, former Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, tried to lead it into a coalition with Labor.

The Agudah, for its part, has vowed never to join a Labor-led government. While Degel's spiritual mentor, Rabbi Eliezer Schach, has expressed dovish sentiments in the past, he has attacked Laborites, especially kibbutzniks, for their secular lifestyle.

Labor's chances of winning support from Shas received a blow when the party filed its list last Tuesday. The ranking of names indicates that the dovish Rabbi Yosef has lost influence. Yosef Azran and Rafael Pinhasi, Knesset members who rebelled against him in 1990, appeared in safe spots and are likely to retain their seats.

The former chief rabbi therefore cannot be counted on to deliver Shas to the Labor camp.

According to observers, these circumstances point to one feasible outcome: another Labor-Likud unity government such as governed Israel from 1984 to 1990.

To many Israelis, that spells paralysis in both foreign and domestic affairs, since neither major party is capable of taking a policy initiative opposed by the other.

But there is a ray of hope for Labor. The haredim fear a unity regime more than any other because they would be left out.

Should Labor muster enough votes to block a Likud-led coalition on the right, the religious parties might swallow their ideological objections and align with Labor to get a seat at the Cabinet and the prestige and patronage that goes with it.

Meanwhile, a long line of splinter parties and individuals formed outside the Central Election Committee offices last week, each clutching the required 1,500 signatures and 23,000 shekels in cash — about $9,600 — the fee for filing their candidacy for the 13th Knesset.

The fee is forfeited if the list fails to scale the threshold for gaining a seat, which this year is 1.5 percent of the total vote. About 2.2 million votes are expected to be cast next month, which means a list must poll about 42,000 votes to enter the Knesset, almost double the number required in the last elections.

Some unexpected names have cropped up in equally unexpected places.

Mayor Eli Landau of Herzliya occupies the second spot on the list of Yitzhak Moda'i's new Liberal Party.

Moda'i, who is finance minister in the outgoing government, was dropped by Likud. Landau, a member of the Likud Executive Committee, subsequently resigned from the party.

After 22 years in Likud, Landau said, he thinks the party is on the wrong track. Landau, like another popular Likud mayor, Shlomo Lahat of Tel Aviv, has grown more dovish over the years.

He said he would better be able to work for peace within Moda'i's new party. The finance minister is a "gifted man," Landau told reporters.

Another new name is Leah Shakdiel, a dovish religious activist from Yeroham, who appeared unexpectedly in the No. 2 spot on Charlie Biton's new Hatikvah list.

Shakdiel formerly belonged to the Labor Party and was touted as a candidate of Meretz. Surprisingly, she joined forces with Biton, formerly a Black Panther, more recently a Hadash Communist and most recently an independent member of Knesset.

Yitzhak Moda'i

The upcoming elections may also be graced by a taxi-drivers' party, a Nature Party dedicated to harmony between man and his environment and a list called Tzippor (Bird) led by a peanut wholesaler. The Temple Mount Faithful, who believe in rebuilding the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem, also filed a list.

And just to confuse voters even further, the Labor Party announced that its election ballot slips would carry the words "Under Yitzhak Rabin's leadership" in addition to the letters Aleph Mem Taf, which has been the party's traditional election code name.

Voters place their party's slip into an envelope which is then dropped into the ballot box.

This unprecedented break from tradition is intended to underscore the party's strong support for the new law providing for the direct election of the next prime minister, party officials said. The added slogan would also remind voters that Rabin had won his place in nationwide primaries.

Likud leaders spurned Labor's proposal that they place Shamir's name on their ballot slips. "An insult to the intelligence of the voters," was how Likud information chief Ronni Milo characterized the idea.

Supporters of Shimon Peres, whom Rabin defeated in the race for leadership of the party, were also not pleased with the move.

Militant leader throws hat in ring

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Rabbi Moshe Levinger, leader of the militant Gush Emunim settlers movement, has announced that he will run for Knesset in next month's elections, throwing the fragmented extreme right-wing of the Israeli political spectrum into further disarray.

Levinger made his announcement exactly one week before the filing deadline for the June 23 elections.

He said he would prefer to run as an independent faction in a joint Tehiya-Moledet list. But if the two far-right parties are unable to join forces — as seems now to be the case — he would run alone, Levinger said.

His candidacy would be aimed primarily at members of the National Religious Party who are disaffected because its leadership has refused to renounce the Camp David accords or demand the immediate annexation of the West Bank in its election platform.

But Levinger's entry into the Knesset race also caused consternation in Tehiya and Moledet, which regard themselves as avowedly mixed lists of secular and religious Jews dedicated to a "Greater Israel."

As such, they planned to aim their campaign at disgruntled NRP voters and ideologically motivated settlers in the administered territories. Levinger would be an important asset to such a strategy.

But Tehiya, headed by Prof. Yuval Ne'eman, a Tel Aviv University physicist, and Moledet, led by retired Israel Defence Force General Rehavam Ze'evi, have been unable to agree on a common platform.

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World

The News in Brief

Climbs Everest

TEL AVIV — Doron Erel, a 33-year-old kibbutznik from Beit Oren has become the first Israeli to climb to the top of Mount Everest, said to be the world's highest mountain.

He reached the peak, nearly six miles above sea level, on May 12, but he had lots of company. At least 30 other mountaineers representing four expeditions from various countries were scaling the mountain at the same time.

Erel has climbed the Matterhorn in Switzerland, Mount McKinley in Alaska, Mount Kenya in East Africa and Mount Makalu in the Himalayas.

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Mass hysteria strikes

JERUSALEM — An apparent attack of "mass hysteria" among more than 200 teenage girls in the village of Ash Shayukh, north of Hebron, five days ago resulted in strange symptoms ranging from loss of consciousness to vomiting and pains in the legs, stomach and head, but no one knows what caused it.

Two of the girls with typical symptoms were transferred from Hebron's Alya Hospital to Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem where comprehensive tests were conducted.

The two girls were released after the symptoms disappeared during a day of hospitalization. Urine and blood samples were tested and it was determined with 100 percent certainty that no mass poisoning was involved.

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GDP up 5.9 percent

JERUSALEM — Israel's gross domestic product rose 5.9 percent in 1991 — up from a preliminary estimate of five percent published at the end of December and about equal to the rate of the country's population growth last year.

This rate of GDP growth was considerably higher than that of any of the 24 major industrialized countries which comprise the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the bureau revealed.

Other indicators, however, compared very unfavorably with international norms. Only one OECD country — Turkey — had a higher inflation rate than Israel's 17.9 percent, and only four had average unemployment rates higher than Israel's 10.6 percent.

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Judaica seized

AMSTERDAM — Amsterdam's Ashkenazic Congregation loaned three valuable artifacts to the state-subsidized Jewish Museum. But now it can't get them back.

The Ministry of Welfare and Culture has declared the objects national treasures that are part of the history of Jews in the Netherlands.

They are a 14th-century festival prayerbook, a Torah shrine of the 18th century and a synagogue menorah dating from 1753.

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Publisher sentenced

MADRID — A Barcelona court has sentenced the publisher of an anti-Semitic comic book to 32 days in jail and fined him $1,000.

The publisher, Damian Carulla, was also forbidden to publish further editions of the comic book *Hitler SS* in Spain. The ruling overturned an earlier court decision that had absolved Carulla and his Makoki publishing house of wrongdoing.

Hitler SS takes place inside a concentration camp and mocks the inmates.

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Gold mine near Eilat

JERUSALEM — Archeologists and geologists have uncovered Israel's first and only gold mine.

The mine, discovered near Eilat, was worked during the Muslim Ummayad dynasty, from about the year 800 to 1000 CE.

The fact of the mine and a nearby gold workshop disproves the commonly held belief that gold was always imported to the area, spokeswoman Efrat Auerbach said.

The dig also uncovered remnants of tents and mining equipment, including a grinding machine.

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Japan makes proposal

BRUSSELS — Japan is reported to have made a concrete proposal that might improve the economies of Middle Eastern countries and advance peace in the region.

The Japanese idea is to ease travel between Israel and the Arab countries for people from outside the region. That would encourage tourism, which in turn would stimulate investment in tourist infrastructure such as hotels, transportation and communications networks. Moreover, the Japanese said, it would help protect the environment at historical sites.

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Greek leader in Israel

JERUSALEM — Israel and Greece solidified their recent improved relations on the arrival of Constantine Mitsotakis, the first prime minister of Greece to pay an official visit to the Jewish state.

Mitsotakis was responsible for upgrading Greece's relations with Israel to full diplomatic status. He extended de jure recognition to Jerusalem in April 1990, a month after taking office.

Prior to that, the atmosphere in Athens had been chilly toward Israel, especially during the Socialist regime of Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou from 1981 to 1989. Relations were maintained only at the consular level.

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$15m for Palestinians

BRUSSELS — The European Community's executive commission has authorized a $15 million grant to improve economic and social conditions for Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

An EC commission spokesman said that the grant was earmarked for about 20 projects aimed at creating jobs and revenue in the industrial and agricultural sectors of the Israeli-administered territories, as well as for improving public services and local Palestinian institutions.

It will also finance health and educational services, especially high schools and professional training.

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Farmer shot dead

GAZA — Hamas Islamic fundamentalists took responsibility for the murder of a Negev farmer, shot in the head while leaving the Gaza Strip after selling sheep in the village of Beit Lahiya near Jabalya refugee camp.

David Cohen, 64, of Te'ashur, a moshav near Beersheba, left 14 children by three wives, and several grandchildren.

He was the second Israeli to be killed in an act of terrorism in Gaza since the shooting of Doron Shorshan on Jan. 1, and the third to be killed there since the intifada began in December 1987.

Gaza commander Brig.-Gen. Yomtov Samiah expressed surprise that an Israeli would drive into a hostile village in a car with Israeli license plates.

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Housing costs soar

TEL AVIV — Escalating housing costs sent Israel's cost-of-living index spiraling upward by 1.8 percent in April.

But many housing units are unoccupied, possibly because they are too expensive or are in areas where jobs are in short supply.

The future inflation outlook was gloomy following a public sector wage agreement reached between Histadrut and the Finance Ministry.

It calls for a four percent pay increment over nine months for more than a half million state employees. Three percent will be added to their April paychecks and the final percentage point in September.

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El Al to China

JERUSALEM — El Al has concluded a commercial agreement with Air China, paving the way for a trial flight to Beijing which El Al hopes will take place next month.

While there are still a few "operational details" to be worked out before flights can begin, according to an El Al spokesman, the company hopes that these can be resolved quickly. An Air China delegation is expected to come to Israel for this purpose within the next two weeks.

The next step, the spokesman said, will be building a market for the flights.

If the trial flight to Beijing does take place in June, it will be El Al's third major breakthrough into the Far East in as many months. In April and May, the airline ran a series of six charter flights to Japan and Korea, which constituted its first-ever landings in these countries as well.

The company is now holding talks with various Japanese tour operators on the possibility of running additional charter flights this summer.

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Immigrant beaten

JERUSALEM — Five teenagers severely beat up a Russian immigrant youth at their Jerusalem school, apparently just because he is a newcomer, according to the police.

The police are recommending charges be brought against the five.

"We think it's unfair Russian immigrants get all kinds of advantage we don't," one of the five assailants told investigators. The victim incurred several head wounds as a result of the attack and was rushed to a neurological unit for treatment.

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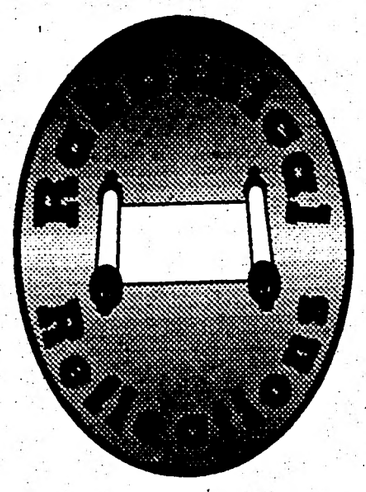

By
RABBI SHARON L. SOBEL

During Shavuot it is traditional to read the book of Ruth in the synagogue. Ruth is a Moabite woman who marries an Israelite. After her husband dies, she insists on linking her own destiny to that of her mother-in-law, Naomi. This includes choosing Naomi's God — the God of Israel — as her own God, and choosing Naomi's people — the Israelites — as her people.

Ruth is read on Shavuot for several reasons. The first is that Ruth accepts Torah, so to speak, in her own personal way. By linking herself to the Jewish people and the Jewish God, it was as if Ruth had been present at Sinai when God gave the Torah to the Israelites, and it was as if she had personally entered into that covenant with God. Since, according to our tradition, Shavuot is the anniversary of this covenant, Shavuot is the time when we are supposed to relive that moment at Sinai, just as Ruth does in her own way.

The second connection between the book of Ruth and Shavuot is an agricultural, seasonal connection. Shavuot celebrates the end of the barley harvest; Ruth and Naomi return to Bethlehem from Moab at the time of the barley harvest. In addition, Ruth meets her husband-to-be, Boaz, during the harvest.

A third connection between Ruth and Shavuot is King David. Ruth was David's great-grandmother. According to legend, Shavuot is King David's yahrzeit.

The Bible devotes little space to strong women. The stories of Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Miriam, to name a few, are brief compared to those of their male companions. Their role was to enhance that of their men. Ruth is one of the few biblical female characters whose story is all her own. The author of Ruth gives us great insight into Ruth's personality and character traits, and makes her into a true role-model for women. Ruth is decisive, strong-willed, compassionate, nurturing, loving, and a believer in God. She is willing to take personal risks in order to help other people, and she places the needs of others before her own.

I think that there is a great deal which we can learn from Ruth, especially as we each seek to renew our covenant with God this Shavuot.

Ruth — a Moabite who comes from the land of Moab and grew up with the Moabite god, embraces Naomi's God, the God of the Jews, of her own free will. She says to Naomi: "Your God shall be my God." This act is far more than a ringing embrace of Naomi and far more than the simple acculturation which it resembles. Ruth leaves Moab because she intends to leave childish ideas behind. She is drawn to Israel because it is the inheritor of the one universal Creator.

Yet, despite this, the author of Ruth constantly reinforces Ruth's identity as a Moabite. Even her future husband, Boaz, refers to her as "Ruth the Moabite." Why does the author do this when Ruth so strongly identifes with Naomi. Naomi's people and her God? Perhaps the author emphasizes this to show that even a Moabite — one of Israel's greatest enemy — can come to embrace the God of Israel and that even a Moabite can embody all the virtues of the best Israelite.

Perhaps this is also to emphasize that no matter how others regarded Ruth, whether as a foreigner, as Naomi's daughter-in-law, or as a Moabite, Ruth *regarded herself* as a Jew. It didn't matter what others thought of her, and what mattered were her inner convictions. If other people's opinions mattered, she never would have left Moab in the first place. As one biblical scholar noted, "so intense is her insight, one can almost imagine her as a kind of Abraham. Ruth claims the God of Israel out of her own understanding."

There is much more to Ruth; her story is told in only 85 verses, but it takes much longer to discuss it. But we can learn from her that extraordinary things may grow where we least expect them, if we only open our eyes to the possibilities around us. Ruth and Naomi experienced desertion, bereavement, barrenness, death, loss, displacement and destitution. It might seem incredible that after all those horrible experiences, Ruth could still find the strength to improve her lot in life by placing her trust in God and in the people whom she loves. And as tradition tells us, it is from the line of Ruth that redemption — in the form of the Messiah — will come.

Rabbi Sharon L. Sobel is the assistant rabbi at Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto.

War criminal gets life sentence

BONN —
The three judges in Stuttgart who sentenced Josef Schwammberger to life imprisonment last week said he was filled with hatred of Jews and others and derived satisfaction from torturing and killing his victims.

The Nazi war criminal, a former SS officer who was extradited from Argentina after the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Centre publicized his case, was found guilty of personally murdering seven Jews and complicity in the murders of 32 others when he was commandant of three forced-labor camps, Przemysl, Mielec and Rozwadow, in Nazi-occupied Poland during World War II.

While the life sentence would make Schwammberger eligible for parole in 13-15 years, at age 80 and in poor health he is not considered likely to leave prison alive.

Evidence at his trial indicated Schwammberger shot Jewish camp inmates in the neck, hanged them or turned his Alsatian dog on them. Survivors said Schwammberger smashed children's heads on a wall and threw people into bonfires.

Canadian Jewish Congress said the conviction and sentence shows that proceedings against Nazi war criminals can still be successful in Canada.

"We have been saying that the Canadian war crimes unit must be more dynamic in pursuing Nazi war criminals," Congress war crimes committee chairman Milton Harris said. "The life sentence given to Schwammberger illustrates that despite the passage of time, convictions are possible."

Harris said the Canadian government should not place a time limit on the process of bringing war criminals to justice. "If there are Nazi war criminals among us they must be sought out and brought to trial," he said, rejecting a recent announcement that the government planned to end investigations by March 1994.

Sol Littman, Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, said the case shows that witness' memories are sharp and they are eager to give evidence, despite the passage of time. He said that "until the last Nazi war criminal dies, no government dares say it will not contemplate further investigations and prosecutions."

Outside the Stuttgart court, about 30 neo-Nazi activists demonstrated against the trial and what they called the "lies" about the Holocaust.

But another group of demonstrators demanded more trials for Nazi war criminals.

"NACHAS"

BY MIRIAM LANAIC

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What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

The deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, May 28, is deadline for June 11 issue, and Thursday, June 4, is deadline for June 18 issue. Also, please note that I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail.

Friday, May 29

ORT MONTH ONEG SHABBAT

In celebration of ORT Month, Toronto ORT is sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat at Temple Har Zion, 7360 Bayview Ave., Thornhill., at 8:30 p.m. The community is cordially invited. For more information, call the ORT office at 787-0297.

Saturday, May 30

ISRAELI PROFESSIONALS

The Association of Israeli Professionals is celebrating Jerusalem Day from 8-11:30 p.m. at the Community Centre, 120 Banbury Rd. (south of York Mills, west of Leslie). Featured are **Isaac Argaman** and **Mickey Levine**. Entrance is $7. For details, call 493-7453.

Sunday, May 31

TEA WITH KESSLER

The New Leadership division of State of Israel Bonds is having an afternoon tea at 4 p.m. at the home of **Dr. Martin and Rose Lindzon**. Special guest speaker is **Jonathan Kessler** from the Centre for Middle East Peace and Economic Co-operation in Washington D.C.

Couvert is $18. For more information and reservations, call **Marcia** at the Bond office at 789-3351.

SECULAR JEWISH ASSOCIATION

The Secular Jewish Association annual general meeting is set for 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Centre North-East Valley branch. Anyone interested in learning more about Secular Judaism, or this organization in particular, is invited to attend. For more information, call 445-4741.

WHAT IS A JEW?

What is a Jew? **Ricky Magder** and **Michael Hart** took to the streets to ask people exactly that. Get a glimpse of opinions and stereotypes prevalent in Toronto and Russia — attitudes you have never heard before or even thought existed. For a video presentation and discussion by the filmakers, come to Kehillat Shaarei Torah, 2640 Bayview Ave., at 8 p.m. Cost is $5 adults, $3 students. For information, call 221-9446.

BARGAINS GALORE!

You'll find bargains galore at the garage sale sponsored by Chai branch, National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto section. It runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 116 Hetherington Cres., Thornhill.

GRAND SOCIETY

GRAND Society (Grandparents Requesting Access and Dignity) meets at 1 p.m. at 16 Spadina Rd. The speaker will be a family law lawyer, followed by question and answer period. Charge is $3 for non-members.

SPORTSCARD SHOW

National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto section's monthly Sportscard Show runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Council House. Admission is $2.

Monday, June 1

JEWISH CHORAL MUSIC

The Jewish music committee of Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto is holding its annual concert of choral music at 8 p.m. at Adath Israel Synagogue. **Amy Gilbert** is the co-ordinator of this year's concert which features 14 choirs.

A SPECIAL LECTURE

Shaarei Shomayim adult education in conjunction with Ohr Somayach/JEP presents **Rebbitzen Zipora Heller** of N'vei Yerushalayim College, Jerusalem, who will speak on Making Your Own Support System — How to Deal With Life When Things Don't Go Your Way. The time is 8 p.m. at the synagogue. Admisssion is $5.

A CELEBRATION OF ART

The New Leadership Group of the Jerusalem Foundation of Canada is presenting Jerusalem Day — A Celebration of Art at 7:30 p.m. at the Pantages Theatre, 244 Victoria St. Contemporary Jewish artists and Israeli music will be featured along with a display of art works that can be purchased throughout the evening. A portion of the art sales will be donated to a project in Jerusalem funded by the Toronto New Leadership Group.

Tickets are $18. For more information, call the Foundation office at 771-9051.

JEWISH DIABETES CHAPTER

The Canadian Diabetes Association Jewish Diabetes chapter meeting takes place at 8 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. The topic is Stress — Physical and Emotional Discussion — How it Affects Diabetes and the guest speaker is **Jeanette Macdonald**, social worker, Tri-Hospital Diabetes Education Centre, Women's College Hospital. There will also be displays and Shavuot recipes.

TRIBUTE DINNER

The Dr. Lesley S. Corrin Tribute Dinner takes place June 9 with proceeds going to the Dr. Lesley S. Corrin Perpetual Scholarship Fund for ORT women students pursuing a non-traditional career. Seen above (from right) are Kathleen Crook and Susan Lewis, Tribute Dinner co-chairmen, and Kitty Hoffman and Karen Rubin, members of the planning committee.

Everyone is welcome. Admission is $1 CDA members, $2 non-members. For information, call **Esther Schwartz** at 782-2176 or **Shirley Glatt** at 225-1989.

JOINT ADULT STUDY SERIES

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am and Adath Israel Congregations conclude the joint adult education series on Jewish Spirituality when **Rabbi Philip Scheim** discusses Who Needs God? at 8 p.m. at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am.

The closing program of the Joy of Singing led by **Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum** and **Cantor Moti Zingboim** will follow the lecture at 9:15 p.m.

Tuesday, June 2

ROSH CHODESH LUNCHEON

Ohr Somayach/JEP Thornhill is hosting the last in this series of monthly Rosh Chodesh luncheons before summer vacation. Meet at B'nai Torah Congregation, 465 Patricia Ave., at 12:45 p.m. **Rabbi Shmuel Klein** will be the guest speaker. The afternoon's topic will be Ruth, Racism and the L.A. King Verdict. Couvert is $13. Reserve in advance by calling 886-5730. Babysitting is available at no extra cost.

KOSHER COOKING SCHOOL

The Kosher Cooking School is offering a session on Mediterranean Cooking (Meat) at 8 p.m. at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation. The fee for this session is $15. Call 635-9550.

MORNING STUDY GROUP

The Holy Blossom Temple Tuesday Morning Study Group is taking a tour of the Beth Tzedec Museum with tour guide **Dorion Liebgott**. The group meets at 9:45 a.m. at the temple. Babysitting is available. Call **Rhonda** at 663-3812 for information.

Wednesday, June 3

YESHIVA YESODEI HATORAH

Yeshiva Yesodei Hatorah announces its 40th anniversary dinner in tribute to the memory of **Samuel and Renee Reichmann** at 6:45 p.m. at Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto. Special honorees are **Horav Menachem Adler**, Avodas Hakodesh Award, and **Mr. and Mrs. Menachem Wagner**, Mesores Avos Award.

Couvert is $100 per couple. RSVP to 787-1101.

JOYS OF YIDDISH SONG & HUMOR

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue adult education committee presents a closing program, Celebrating the Joys of Yiddish Song and Humor, featuring **Cantor Louis Danto**, the Zemer Chorale and synagogue choir directed by **Charles Heller** and guest artists **Gloria Valentine** and **Allen Farkas**. The time is 8 p.m. and everyone is welcome.

INTERMARRIAGE SERIES

The Jewish Journeys' Intermarriage Series continues with the Jewish Role in Human History with **Michael Shear** at 8 p.m. at 55 Guardsman Rd., Thornhill. Charge is $4. Jewish Journeys is sponsored by Chabad Lubavitch of Markham.

LONG-TERM CARE

Lincoln Place Nursing Home, 429 Walmer Rd., is sponsoring a free seminar for community members on the topic Long-Term Care—Decision/Dilemma — What Can Families Expect? Presenter is **Marlene Pink**, health care educator and gerontologist. The time is 7-8:30 p.m. Space is limited so reserve by calling 967-6949.

Thursday, June 4

ABOUT ADOPTION

Kehillat Shaarei Torah, 2460 Bayview Ave., presents a public lecture on Adoption in the Jewish Community at 8 p.m. A panel of social workers, rabbis, lawyers and parents who have adopted children will discuss the social, religious, psychological and legal perspectives of adoption. Admission is $5 adults, $3 seniors and students. For more information, call **Rabbi Steven Cohen** at 229-2600.

LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

The Jewish book committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto Lunch and Learn Series for businessmen in downtown Toronto features **Prof. Gavriel Ben Dor** of the Centre for International and Strategic Studies, a guest lecturer at York University, who will speak on Intelligence and Deception in the Middle East: The Case of the Iraqi Nuclear Bomb. It takes place at 12:15 p.m. in the main boardroom of the new offices of Goodman and Goodman, Suite 2400, Eaton Tower (in the Eaton Centre). RSVP to 635-2883, ext. 151 or 154. Admission is free. Brown bag lunch.

And What Else Is New...

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Beth Tzedec Men's Club scholarship fund presented 16 scholarship awards Sunday, May 10, following the morning service and breakfast. The scholarships are designed to encourage higher Jewish study, to pursue the study of and/or to engage in the fine arts, and to assist people with learning disabilities.

WINE TASTING

Temple Sinai Sisterhood is presenting a wine tasting with Toronto wine critic **Tony Aspler** on Wednesday, June 10, at 8 p.m. at the temple. Cover charge is $5. RSVP by June 5 to 731-0751. (Restricted to persons 19 years of age and older).

UJPO 65TH ANNIVERSARY

United Jewish People's Order is holding its 65th anniversary banquet and celebration Saturday, June 6, at 6:30 p.m. at the Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. There will be dinner, floor show, music and prizes.

This will be followed Sunday, June 7, at 11 a.m. with a seminar on Jewish Secularism: Today and Tomorrow, co-sponsored by the Morris Winchevsky School and featuring **David Abramowitz,** UJPO national president, and **Gerry Revzin**, executive director of the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations. Brunch will be served.

Tickets are $25 banquet and seminar, $20 banquet only, $8 seminar only. For reservations, call 798-5502.

KOFFLER SCHOOL OF VISUAL ART

Beginning July 8, the Koffler Gallery School of Visual Art will offer a watercolor class held on location at Edward Gardens. Taught by **Sue Ericsson**, the class will study watercolor in combination with pencil, charcoal, and pen and ink. Open to both beginners and advanced students, the class will be held on Wednesday mornings

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HOLOCAUST DOCUMENTATION

If you are a survivor who spent the war in Nazi-occupied Europe, whether in the camps, in hiding, passing as a non-Jew, or in the resistance, the Toronto Jewish Congress (now Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto) documentation project committee would like to record your story on videotape for the archives. You will receive a copy of your testimony. For further information and an application form, call 635-2883, ext. 153.

JF&CS SUMMER WORKSHOPS

Jewish Family & Child Service is offering the following summer workshops: Parenting the Young Child (ages 5-9)—developing self-esteem, realistic expectations, discipline and communication; Adult Children Losing a Parent — exploring and understanding the grief process; and For Women Only—discussing communication, self-esteem, relationships, time management.

For information about registration and fees, call **Pat Lieberman** at 638-7800, ext. 215.

KOL YISROEL CONGREGATION

Kol Yisroel Congregation holds Shabbat services every week at 9:30 a.m. at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Services are led by **Mark Biller** in a warm, friendly atmosphere. Kiddush follows.

HSCF TELETHON

Over 1,000 celebrities, performers and volunteers, along with corporate sponsors, will be participating in the eighth annual Hospital for Sick Children Foundation Telethon (HSCF), Saturday, May 30, 8 p.m. to Sunday, May 31, 8 p.m., airing live from CFTO-TV.

Proceeds will go toward the purchase of highly advanced medical equipment. Two of the main areas to benefit will be videoscopic surgery and the catheterization laboratory.

TIKUN LEIL SHAVUOT

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue services begin at 9:30 p.m. Saturday, June 6, followed by refreshments and study program. Guest speakers are **Rabbi Moses Burack** and **Rabbi Joseph Kelman**. The all-night study session with **Rabbi Barry Schneider** starts at midnight.

Refreshments will be served throughout the evening. Morning services are at sunrise followed by kiddush and deluxe breakfast.

BBW/C KENNERET CHAPTER

B'nai Brith Women of Canada's Kinneret chapter was formally inducted into the organization at a gala banquet recently. Kinneret chapter, a chapter for Hebrew-speaking women of all ages, affords women the opportunity to maintain their cultural roots in Canada.

Participants included **Sara Cojocaru**, installation chairman; **Gloria Levitt**, BBW/C president; **Esther Croitoru**, Kinneret chapter president; **Ethy Lebow**, installing officer; and **Penny Krowitz**, executive director.

VOLUNTEERS TO DELIVER ROSES

North York chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario urgently needs volunteers to help deliver bouquets of roses to various locations in North York for two to three hours in the morning on Thursday, June 4. If you have a car and would like to be part of the Roses for Heart campaign, call the North York chapter office at 226-5856.

BIRTHDAY GIFT

To honor his 75th birthday, family and friends of Sam Faivish (centre) have sponsored a club room for soldiers in Israel. Irving Matlow (right) of the Association for the Soldiers of Israel presents a certificate of appreciation to Faivish as Rabbi Moses Burak of Beth Jacob V'Anshe Drildz Synagogue looks on.

BLACKSMITH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Blacksmith Public School in North York is celebrating its 25th anniversary Oct. 24. Volunteers are needed to assist with memorabilia, photographs and such. A call to the school at 395-2060 would be appreciated.

at the JCC

Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch summer memberships (May 1-Sept. 7) are on sale now. Enjoy aerobics, swimming, weightroom, squash, raquetball, handball, aerobicycles. Summer Health Club memberships are also available. Rates start as low as $108 (general student membership). Call 924-6211.

Twentysomething Downtowners (ages 24-35) meets for monthly programs at the Bloor Y. To find out about upcoming events or to get on the mailing list, call **Luni** at 924-6211.

Bloor Y's Summer Fun Camp has limited spaces available for ages 4½-10. The camp runs four two-week sessions. For brochures, call 924-6211.

New at Bloor is a youth gym for 10 to 18-year-olds, Sundays from 2-6 p.m., offering activities such as basketball, volleyball, floor hockey. This is free to JCC members.

For updated information on Single Connection lectures and dances at the JCC North-East Valley branch, call **Nurit** at 889-0813.

for seniors

Beth Tikvah Friendship Group, 55 Plus invites all lovers of Yiddish film to enjoy **Mollie Picon** in *Yidel Mit Fidel*, shown on a 50 inch screen and stereo sound equipment at the synagogue, Sunday, May 31, at 8 p.m. Admission is $3 members, $5 non-members. Come early for good seats.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club upcoming events include Father's Day dinner and dance Sunday, June 21, 7-11 p.m. in the community centre ($15 members, $18 non-members); trips to Niagara Falls, June 16, and Port Dalhousie, July 7; Catskill trip at Raleigh Hotel July 19-24 ($575 double occupancy, $665 single, Canadian funds); day trips for members ($5). For more details on trips and activities, call 636-7856.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club has arranged a Catskill trip to the Homowack Hotel, July 20-28; Art Park trips to see *Cabaret* July 30 and *West Side Story* Aug. 13; the Shaw Festival to see *Pygmalion* Oct. 28; two cruises — Fenelon Falls July 13 and Peterborough Locks, Aug. 27. For information on all trips and programs, call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** at 787-1526.

Sunshine Seniors, 55 plus, has several day trips coming up: Thursday, June 4, country western show, Milton, Ont., buffet lunch; Thursday, June 25, shuffle off to Buffalo; Thursday, July 9, Aston Villa Resort, Muskoka Lakes, full-course lunch; Thursday, July 16, Nottawasaga Inn, buffet lunch, antique and flea markets; Thursday, Aug. 6, Ancaster Mill, buffet lunch, Mary Maxim's outlet. Call **Sylvia** at 730-0503 for details.

Join **Young at Heart Seniors'** deluxe Catskill trip to the Pines Hotel, July 19-28. Cost is only $890 and includes deluxe medical insurance. The next meeting will be in June — date to be announced. For information, call **Helen** at 462-0258 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or 635-6343 after 7 p.m.

At the **Wagman Centre**, the series for bereaved older adults, Adjustments in Lifestyle, concludes Wednesday, June 3, at 2 p.m. with Nutrition and Cooking for One with lecturer **Sharon Bizouati** (members free, guests $3). Call **Paula David** at 789-5131, ext. 2271 for information. Programs co-sponsored by North York Board of Education include Mixed Media Crafts with **Sally Blackman**, which continues Thursday, June 4 and 11, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. with Breadcraft, and drawing and painting class with **Elaine Sugar** Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. (call **Janet Page** at 789-5131, ext. 2939). A social afternoon is arranged for Sunday, May 31, from 2:30-3:30 in the assembly room.

The Good Age Club at the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch is presenting a speaker from the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Thursday, June 4, at 2 p.m. Programs co-sponsored with Toronto Board of Education are knitting, bridge, fitness, current events, folk dancing and are free of charge. For schedule call **Luni** at 924-6211.

Travel Club, a fun-loving group, 50 plus, is going to the Finger Lakes, July 10-12. Tour includes all meals, Mark Twain Music Festival, dinner cruise and much more. For information on next meeting or trips, call **Bernice** at 633-7034 or **Edith** at 638-3652.

LZA Seniors Club trips to the Catskills leave July 26 and 28. Registration is taking place for the Showboat Tour to the Thousand Islands, Monday, Aug. 24. The dance group continues Tuesdays at 1 p.m. and the cultural discussion group meets Tuesdays at 10 a.m. The next luncheon meeting will be a Father's Day celebration on Wednesday, June 10, at 11:30 a.m. All activities take place at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

Bowlerama is offering seniors (60 plus) free bowling until Friday, May 29, during Canada's Fitweek, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (subject to lane availability). In keeping with the Canada Fitweek national project, Spacetrek 2000, every 20 minutes spent bowling will be added to national totals of active seniors, translated into miles and plotted on the map of a journey through space.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

A special Sunday event, May 31, features singer **Marina Granovsky** accompanied by **Michael Khinkis** at 2:30 p.m. Price is $2.50 members, $3.50 non-members.

Also on Sunday, May 31, there's a dance with the exciting music of the Creative Band from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Charge is $3.50 members, $4 non-members.

The annual general meeting is set for Wednesday, June 3, at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker **Selma Sage**, a specialist in biblical studies, will speak on Creative Living. Admission is free.

The Lifelong Learning Institute's program, Parent Education for Older Adults, resumes Thursday, June 4, from 1-3 p.m. for six sessions. Be sure to register. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge. For information, call **Bookie Kwart** at 225-2112.

Computers for Seniors with **Susan Steckel**, presented by LLI in co-operation with North York Board of Continuing Education, starts Wednesday, June 10, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. for 10 sessions. A wait list is available and individuals are called in order listed. Material fee is $15. No instruction fee for members and adults over 60 residing in Metro Toronto, $1.25 per instructional hour for non-members under 60 residing in Metro. For information, call **Bookie Kwart**.

The Friendship Circle, for people 55 and over and single, meets at the centre every other Thursday at 7 p.m. The May 28 meeting features pianist **Arlene Miller** performing a variety of selections. Meetings are for Friendship Circle members only. The fee is $1.

An afternoon of songs with the Creative Choir is arranged for Wednesday, June 3, at 1:30 p.m. Charge is $2.50 members, $3.50 non-members.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for older adults, meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. For information, call **Helen Issenberg**.

About People

Diane and Harry Shore

A 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Diane and Harry Shore celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary earlier this month with 100 family and friends at a dinner dance at ValHalla Inn, Markham. Some guests came from as far away as Florida and Calgary, others from Detroit and Ottawa.

The Shores, longtime members of Adath Israel Congregation, have also been active in B'nai Brith. Harry has been in the carnival business for more than 60 years and is just starting to think about retiring.

Their family is comprised of **Sheldon and Sandee Shore** and their children **Jeffrey** and **Karen**; **Bonnie and Dr. Mel Borins** and **Larry, David** and **Marc**; **Laura and Paul Douglas** and **Sean, Brian** and **Malka**; and **Cheri and Marty Szereszewski** and **Michael** and **Rachel**.

FUNDS FOR AMBULANCE

The family of the late Henry Korenblum recently donated funds for a Magen David Adom ambulance in his memory. His wife Zelda Korenblum (second from left) accepts the plaque on behalf of the family from Irwin Beutel, national president of Canadian Magen David Adom for Israel. With her are daughters (from left) Linda Goldberg, Ellie Korenblum, Shirley Wasserman and Dianne Yanofsky.

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Organizations and People

Winners named in Bible contest

MONTREAL —

Bible study is flourishing in Canada, as recently demonstrated at the Canadian National Bible Contest of the World Zionist Organization. The annual event took place in Montreal April 5-7, at Bialik High School and Congregation Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem.

After five rounds of very close competition in all four divisions, the winners were announced at the closing banquet. Itzhak Levanon, consul general of Israel in Montreal, and Solly Urman, national chairman of the Bible Contest, presented first prizes to Lisa Nagel and Yehuda Zolty, both of Toronto, winners in the grade 9-13 and 7-8 divisions, respectively. They will represent Canada at the 1993 International Bible Contest in Jerusalem.

The 1991 winners, Shlomo Kapustin of Toronto and Ariel Rothstein of Vancouver, will participate in the 1992 International Bible Contest.

The nationals had 161 contestants representing 34 schools from Edmonton, Calgary, Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal. All had successfully passed the regional Bible contests in February, in which over 350 students competed. Over 30 teachers and coaches accompanied the students in Montreal.

The Canadian National Bible Contest is co-sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation, Board of Jewish Education (Toronto), Jewish National Fund of Canada and the Jewish Education Council of Montreal. The 1992 contest was co-ordinated by the Jewish Education Council of Montreal.

Grade 9-13 Division: 1st prize: :Lisa Nagel, Ulpanat Orot, Toronto; **2nd prize:** Enav Murad, Independent student, Montreal; **3rd prize:** Tamar Emerson, Ulpanat Orot, Toronto; **m Kallat Israel:** Ayalet Admanit, Hebrew Academy, Montreal.

Grade 7-8 Division: 1st prize: Yehuda Zolty, Eitz Chaim (Patricia), Toronto; **2nd prize:** Bonnie Gitman, Herzliah Snowdon, Montreal; **3rd prize:** Barry Kislowicz, Bialik High School, Montreal; **Kallat Israel:** Idit Michman, Associated Juniolr High, Toronto.

Grade 5-6 Division: 1st prize: Anthony Daniels, Associated (Leslie), Toronto; **2nd prize:** (tie) Jacob Sone, Bialik, Toronto; Jonah Midanik, United Synagogue Day School, Toronto; **3rd prize:** Jennifer Peto, Associated (Leslie), Toronto; **Kallat Israel:** Hadar Mozes, Eitz Chaim (Spring Farm), Toronto.

English Division Grade 5-7: 1st prize: Rebecca Greenstein, Holy Blossom, Toronto; **2nd prize:** Fania Schwebel, Beth Tikvah, Toronto; **3rd prize:** Justin Fraterman, Downtown Jewish Community School, Toronto.

Psychiatrist feels survivors' treatment has fallen short

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Modern psychiatry and psychology have not responded adequately in treating the mental scars of Holocaust survivors, a leading expert said here last week.

Dr. Robert Krell, a professor of psychiatry at the University of British Columbia, told a day-long conference of health professionals that treating Holocaust survivors' psychological traumas have largely failed.

Himself a child survivor, Krell said it was "impossible" to emerge from the Holocaust unscathed. He said there are no survivors without some emotional scars, whether those are suppressed or manifest themselves openly.

Krell was the keynote speaker at a conference of 50 therapists, social workers and other health care professionals who spent the day studying treatment and care of Holocaust survivors and their families.

The conference, the first of its kind in Canada, was sponsored by Jewish Family & Child Service and the Holocaust Remembrance Committee. Workshops with experts and round-table discussions with survivors were highlighted.

The Holocaust has "totally defeated" some survivors, formed the centrepiece of some survivor's lives, and has driven some to fantasize about revenge. Others are more realistic and have gotten on with their lives, Krell said.

While it's "undeniable" that all survivors are affected to some degree, it's wrong to equate so-called survivor's syndrome with psychopathology, he said.

For one, it's remarkable that so many survivors have become successful and have thrived, he pointed out.

Immediately after World War II, the Holocaust's impact on those who survived was overlooked. Survivors were preoccupied with locating loved ones and re-establishing their health. Suicide was common but so were marriages in Displaced Persons camps, Krell pointed out.

It wasn't until the 1950s that psychological trauma rooted in Holocaust experiences first surfaced, and not until the late '50s that survivor's syndrome manifested itself, he said.

The syndrome is often described as neurotic behavior, fear of change and authority, fear of separation of family members, chronic nightmares and other problems.

Those who were children at the time were robbed of their youth. "Their classroom was a concentration camp," said Krell.

Germany, considered at the forefront of psychiatry for decades, dismissed war-related trauma in 1945, saying sufferers were afflicted with problems acquired before the war, Krell explained.

Refused to pay

And at first, Germany refused to pay restitution to anyone not suffering from physical or neurological damage, he added.

Many survivors found it "practically necessary" to "invent" a syndrome in order to get compensation.

In any event, Krell said survivors with psychological scars are "luckier" than those who are numb.

But therapists today are ill-equipped to treat them, he added.

For one, they don't seem to realize that damage done to survivors is irreparable. Therapists have "an inability to fathom" the extent of survivors' suffering and often are too judgmental.

A professional's approach to treating survivor's syndrome must involve a vivid imagination, one that can conjur images for the therapist of cattle cars and death camps. The therapist must suspend normal approaches, Krell advised.

Survivors need to reconstruct memories and speak of their pre- and post war successes as well as failures, he said.

Krell quoted survivor and Nobel laureate Eli Wiesel, who once advised doctors to do nothing for survivors but listen.

Volunteers plan Shavuot fest

TORONTO —

The Mitzvah Volunteers of Cummer Lodge have a joyous Shavuot celebration planned for the residents of this Metro home for the aged, at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 7. Ahuva, the well-known international singer, will be there to entertain the gathering.

Blintzes, sour cream and applesauce will be served, with luscious strawberries — donated once again by Highland Farms — as a menu bonus.

Ahuva will weave her special musical magic with her songs — in Hebrew, English, Ladino, and perhaps some of the other languages in her extensive international repertoire.

Recent activities at Cummer Lodge included a family seder which saw 146 men, women and children filling the Cummer Lodge auditorium. There were Jewish residents and family members from Cummer Lodge and its adjoining Alzheimers' and seniors' units; as well as from its satellite, Greenview Lodge.

Responding to a notice in *The CJN*, the Mitzvah Volunteers had invited a family of Russian Jews to the seder, and they participated with evident enjoyment.

The Mitzvah Volunteers will continue to hold Sabbath services throughout the summer in the Cummer Lodge auditorium which they transform into the Kehilat Beit Avot sanctuary on the second and fourth Saturday mornings of each month.

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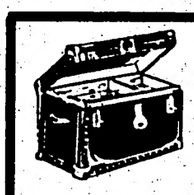
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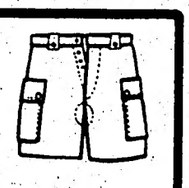
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FEDERATION NEWS

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Kurt Rothschild named Sadowski Award winner

FEDERATION -- Dr. A.A. Epstein, chairman of the Ben Sadowski Award committee, has announced Kurt Rothschild as the recipient of the 1992 Ben Sadowski Award.

"I appreciate the honor and feel that it is an honor to the various causes -- and not to myself -- to receive this award," says Rothschild. "I consider it paramount that we should all work for the welfare of the entire Jewish community here and in Israel."

Rothschild's list of involvement in the Jewish community is impressive.

He has served as a member of the United Jewish Welfare Fund executive committee and serves currently as a member of the Meyer Gasner Memorial Scholarship committee, the Morris Pulver Scholarship Fund and as chairman of the Hemshech Chinuch Scholarship Fund.

Rothschild is an executive board member of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, former Israel Bonds chairman, former president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, past chairman of World Mizrachi, board member of Yeshiva University, New York City, board member of Shaarei Tzedek Hospital in Israel, board member of Eitz Chaim Schools, board member of Bar Ilan University in Israel and board member of the Jerusalem College of Technology, plus an array of other involvements.

Rothschild was born in Germany. Before the second World War, he went with his family to England. In 1940, Rothschild was part of a group of Austrian and German Jews who

Kurt Rothschild

were sent to an internment camp in Fredericton, New Brunswick. His family stayed behind in England.Rothschild remained in Fredericton until the end of 1941.

Through the Canadian Jewish Congress and private sponsorship, the group members were released. Rothschild attended Queens University in Kingston and graduated with a degree in electrical engineering in 1946.

After working for several years in Montreal, Rothschild moved to Toronto in 1959, and, two years later, established his own electrical contracting firm in 1961.

Affiliated with Torat Emeth Congregation, Rothschild and his wife,Edith, have three married children who live in New York City,Jerusalem and Toronto. They have 17 grandchildren.

The Sadowski Award has been given at each Annual Meeting of the Federation for the past 30 years. The prestigious award is directed toward those who have long-standing records of community service,both directly and indirectly within the Federation as well as the greater Jewish community. Recent award winners include Murray Koffler and Harry Steiner.

Koffler and Steiner are members of the award committee, which is composed of past recipients of the award.

Sadowski was the first joint chairman of the United Jewish Welfare Fund in 1937. The Fund was a predecessor of the Federation.Sadowski willed that a Jewish community service award be given to individuals who demonstrate leadership in community development and organization.

Annual Shem Tov award winners live up to their 'good name'

Judy Gwartz, chairperson of the Human Resources Development department of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, has announced the winners of the 1992 Shem Tov award.

Says Gwartz, "The Shem Tov Award, and the award winners, represent the highest levels of excellence in voluntarism, social services, education, recreation and culture." Winners include: Fred Tittel, Jewish Community Centre; Donald Bennett, Board of Jewish Education; Ruth Margles, Senior Care; Allen Ender, Jewish Information Service; Morrie Latchman, Toronto Jewish Free Loan Cassa; and Judy Noyek, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

Tittel is a member of the boards of directors and governors of the JCC, and serves as chairman of the North East Valley study committee. He is also the board liaison for the 1992 Sports Celebrity Dinner. He is a past vice-president, chairman of the personnel committee and management chairman of the Bloor and Valley branches. Tittel spearheaded a complete renovation of the Bloor branch of the JCC. A founding member of B'nai Israel Beth David synagogue, Tittel has been involved in its UJA campaign. Bennett has served in the area of Jewish education as a member of the board and executive committee of the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, board member and officer of Bialik, BJE board member and chairman of its fiscal committee, a member of CPAC and chairman of the board at the ORAH School for Russian Immigrant Children .

Ruth Margles has been a volunteer at Senior Care for 10 years. She began as a Meals on Wheels driver. She was invited to join the Meals on Wheels advisory committee, then the volunteer development committee and, eventually, the board of directors. In 1988, she assumed the role of chairman of the volunteer development committee and also became a member of its executive board. She still volunteers as a Meals on Wheels driver.

Ender carries a large load at Jewish Information Service and the Tel-Aide distress line, in addition to his full-time employment with the Ministry of Health as a group home worker. He also frequently volunteers for other Federation departments and community groups, such as United Jewish Appeal/Operation Exodus, the last Toronto-held General Assembly, the Canadian Jewish Congress plenary, disabled athletics competition and North York Story Telling. Ender has been a phone volunteer at JIS since January, 1984, and has served for a number of years on the JIS advisory committee.

In 1985, Latchman was instrumental in recommending and helping to structure the merger of the Toronto Jewish Assistance Services (now known as Toronto Jewish Free Loan Cassa), Toronto Hebrew Reestablishment Services and Loan Cassa and Educational Loan Program. He served as the first president of the Toronto Jewish Assistance Services and was an officer of the United Jewish Welfare Fund. He served as treasurer for a number of years. He was an active member of United Jewish Appeal's fund raising team and served on the campaign executive committee.

Judy Noyek began volunteering at Jewish Family & Child Service as a family counselor. She has visited prison inmates through the JF&CS chaplaincy program. Noyek is a past president of Associated Hebrew Day Schools and a member of its board.She is executive director of the Canadian Friends of the David Hartman Institute. She is vice president of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations. She is immediate past president of the JWF.

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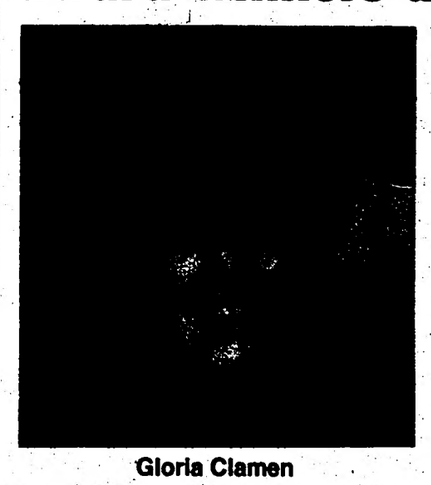

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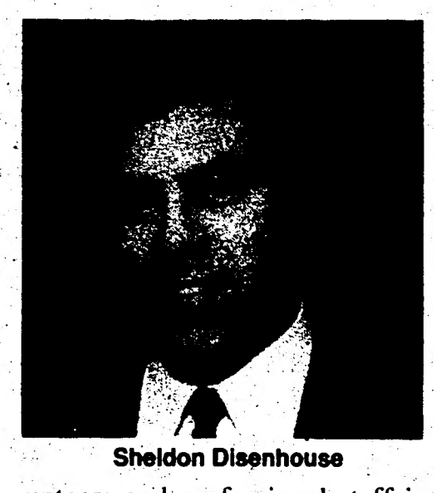

Sheldon Disenhouse

Judy Gwartz, chairperson of the Human Resources Development department of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, has announced Gloria Clamen and Sheldon Disenhouse as the recipients of this year's Leadership Development (LD) awards.

The LD award is granted in recognition of outstanding volunteer contributions and extraordinary commitment to the community. It is accepted by the awardees with the promise of continued commitment to the Jewish community and with the expectation of them to join the rank of those in senior community roles.

Clamen's involvement in the community runs the gamut from direct service to committee chairmanship. She has volunteered every year consecutively since she was 12 years old. Clamen is a former president of B'nai Brith Women of Toronto. She was chairman of the United Jewish Appeal/Operation Exodus Walk for Israel.

A former co-chair of LD, Clamen is a member of the integration sub-committee and is chairman of the HRD Volunteer Referral Service. In the past, she has been a board member of Senior Care and used to deliver Meals on Wheels.

"It's a privilege to be the co-recipient of this year's Leadership Development Award," says Clamen. "The high standard of leadership,which is a tradition in our community, is a challenge for emerging leadership to model.

"I'm really looking forward to continuing to work with the volunteers and professional staff in helping to build a strong,vibrant Jewish community."

Sheldon Disenhouse serves as chairman of Federation's Cultural Services, Planning and Allocations committee. An LD graduate, he has chaired the LD program and now serves on its policy committee.

Disenhouse is a member of the Federation's executive board. He has been involved in UJA/Operation Exodus in a variety of capacities,including chairman of the Young Lawyers Division. He is on the board of directors for the Jewish Civil Rights Educational Foundation of Canada. In addition, he serves on the boards of Shaarei Shomayim and Camp Ramah in Canada.

"It is an honor to receive this award and to follow in the footsteps of so many of our communal leaders," says Disenhouse. "I am grateful to the community for the encouragement given to young leadership.

"The opportunities I have been given to work in our community have enriched my life and I look forward to many more years of active communal involvement," he adds.

Every summer, one or two Leadership Development award winners are selected by local federations. In the fall, during the Council of Jewish Federations General Assembly, award recipients from federations across North America are recognized. The award is given to the winners at the individual federation's annual meeting.

Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto

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Organizations and People

Israelis discuss human rights

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

There are few issues that animate supporters of the State of Israel more so than hearing suggestions of alleged human rights abuses in the Jewish state.

That's why Toronto lawyer Sam Riesenberg, who recently returned from a legal issues studies tour of Israel sponsored by the New Israel Fund (NIF), was gratified to see that Israelis openly discussed the state of human rights in the Jewish state.

Moreover, the North American visitors "were treated with great respect," he said. "That is interesting because there are issues we don't like to talk about in North America that are easily discussed in Israel.

"There is a whole civil liberties culture arising in Israel," he said. "The antibodies of human rights are being planted" and these issues are being discussed openly.

Riesenberg was the single Canadian among 18 participants on the NIF tour. NIF financially supports a variety of organizations in Israel that promote human rights, among them free speech and women's rights.

The tour participants, most of them lawyers, met with Israeli human rights advocates, law professors, a Supreme Court justice, a legal advisor to the country's rabbinical court, members of the Israel Bar Association, and with counsel to the Israel Defence Forces responsible for the legal administration in the territories.

No-one questioned the right of Diaspora Jews to voice their opinions about legal issues in Israel and those IDF officers responsible for legal matters in the territories showed an interest in the visitors' views, Riesenberg said.

Israeli newspapers and television repeatedly quoted findings of B'Tselem, a human rights advocacy group supported by NIF, showing that Israelis are confronting the issue head on, he said.

Organizations supported by NIF, such as the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI), have played a key role in litigating cases turning on human rights, he said. One major area where the NIF-backed organization can take credit for change is in the falling number of housing demolitions (for those linked to terrorist acts) in the territories.

Riesenberg said that almost everyone they talked with in Israel said that much of the 80 percent reduction in demolitions over the past two years can be attributed to the advocacy work of ACRI, which fought for the right to appeal military demolition orders to Israeli courts.

Riesenberg said IDF legal advisor Col. Moshe Rosenberg took issue with B'Tselem's reports of alleged IDF torture, but acknowledged that the rest of the organization's report was by and large accurate. He told the visitors that efforts were being made to take the findings into account to improve IDF conduct and practice, Riesenberg said.

Rosenberg's deputies defended Israel's record as an occupying power, calling it more benevolent than the United States in post-war Japan and pointing out that the legislation in force in the territories is largely based on British law imposed during its mandate, Riesenberg added.

Riesenberg said that while some of what he saw in Israel concerned him — such as overcrowding in a cell for criminal offenders — "I took much comfort from meeting with people who were working to ensure the observation of civil and human rights in Israel and the occupied territories.

"I was reassured by the fact that our group was well received and treated with respect; that even when we visited a military court in the occupied territories we were told by military judges who received us that they viewed us as an important group.

"Given the security constraints that Israel is faced with, trying to nurture a civil rights culture there is a difficult task which involves many more shades of grey than one encounters in Canada. However. . . working to ensure the observation of civil and human rights is not a pleasant task, but neither is it a task which can be shirked or ignored," Riesenberg said.

PLANNING A CONCERT

Organizing Committee for Rivka Golani Concert to be held June 11 at the Leah Posluns Theatre, sponsored by Canadian Friends of Tel Hashomer Hospital. Seated (from left): Vivian Rosenberg, president; Pearl Grundland, Sally Teplin, Nava Wainer. Standing (from left): Tom Laufer, Dr.Morton Medline, Rabbi Joseph Kelman, Helen Sharpe and Martin Spring. All proceeds will be utilized for the purchase of a dialysis unit for Tel Hashomer Hospital in Israel. For more information call 633-5646.

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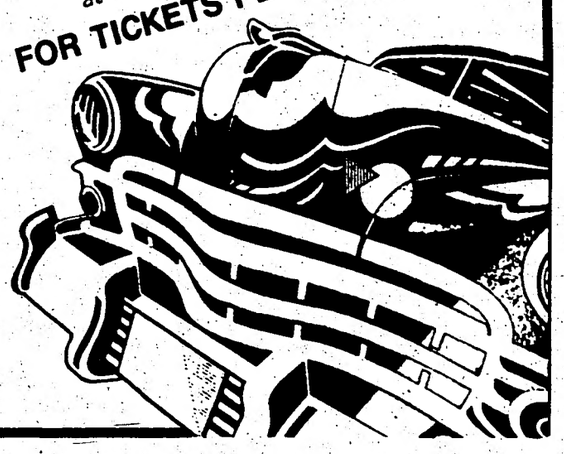

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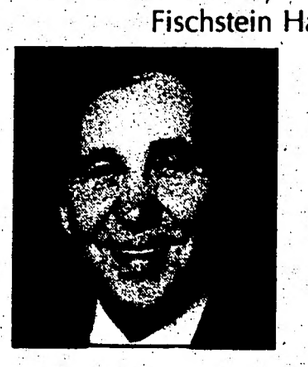

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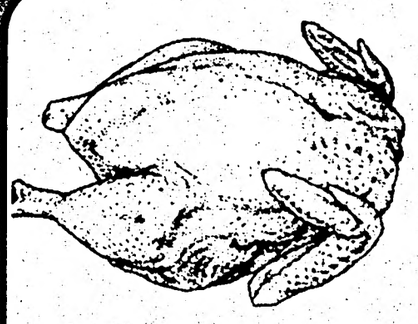

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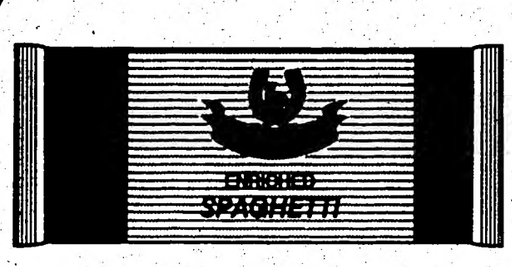

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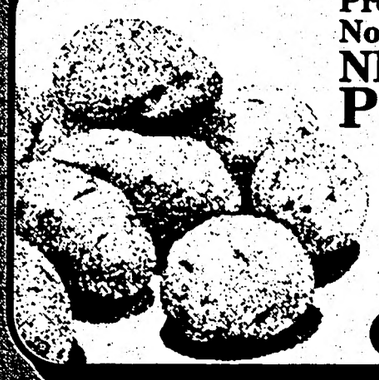

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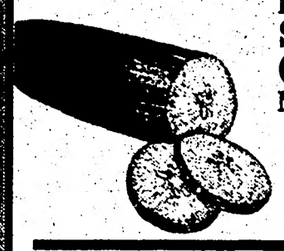

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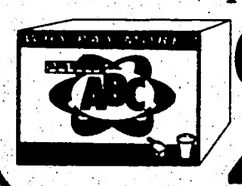

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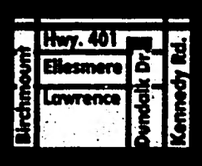

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Organizations and People

Native pastor praises Israel

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Anyone who has seen the mix of people at Ben-Gurion Airport will agree that Israel hosts visitors from the four corners of the globe. And while North Americans make up a substantial portion of those travellers, not many of them hail from the remote northern Ontario community of Moose Factory, population 1,600.

That's why Pastor Mervin Cheechoo of the town's Cree Gospel Chapel caused quite a stir when it was learned he was to spend 10 days travelling in Israel. And when he returned to his home, about eight kilometres southwest of James Bay, the members of his congregation were more than curious to hear about their pastor's trip to the same land where Jesus once walked.

Pastor Cheechoo was in Israel as part of a tour by 12 Native religious leaders from North and South America, organized by CHIEF (Christian Hope Indian Eskimo Fellowship), which represents 3,000 churches in North and South America. He was asked to attend following a meeting of the group in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Seeing the holy sites "was like the Bible was before my eyes," Pastor Cheechoo told *The CJN* in a telephone interview from Moose Factory. "As a Christian, it was really something. I can't even say it was a dream come true, since I never even dreamed of going."

Seeing the same places described in the Bible — Jerusalem, Mount of Olives, the Via Dolorosa, Bethlehem — were "tremendously meaningful," Pastor Cheechoo recalled.

And visiting the Sea of Galilee, where much of Jesus' ministry was centred, was especially moving, since during a boat trip on the inland sea participants held a religious service that included relevant Bible readings.

Speaking to *The CJN* after a four-week goose hunting trip (he and his son bagged 35 Canada and Snow Geese), Pastor Cheechoo recalled the visit to the town of Bethlehem as another meaningful stop on the itinerary. Much to his amazement, shepherds still tend their flocks just as is described in the Scriptures.

Pastor Adrian Jacobs of the Word of Faith Centre, located on the Six Nations Indian Reserve southwest of Toronto, felt that God's word was being fulfilled in the State of Israel.

He said he felt the Jews' return to Israel was fulfillment of Scripture and seeing it in person confirmed that belief.

Pastor Jacobs, a Cayuga Iroquois, said that when he now reads the Bible he immediately thinks of the places he visited in Israel.

He said he and the other tour participants observed similarities between Natives and Jews: both are originally tribal people; both give great importance to name-giving ceremonies; both are intensely aware of lineage and ancestry; both give great importance to tradition and preserving the past.

He said he was impressed also with signs in Jerusalem announcing the imminent arrival of the Messiah. Christians are awaiting the second coming of Jesus.

Pastor Cheechoo said he was initially "uneasy" about visiting Israel, since the only impressions he had of the area were gleaned from the Bible and from news reports that focused on the violence in the region.

"When I got there, it was different than the impressions in my mind," he said. Unlike his expectation that Israel was primitive, he found the country very modern.

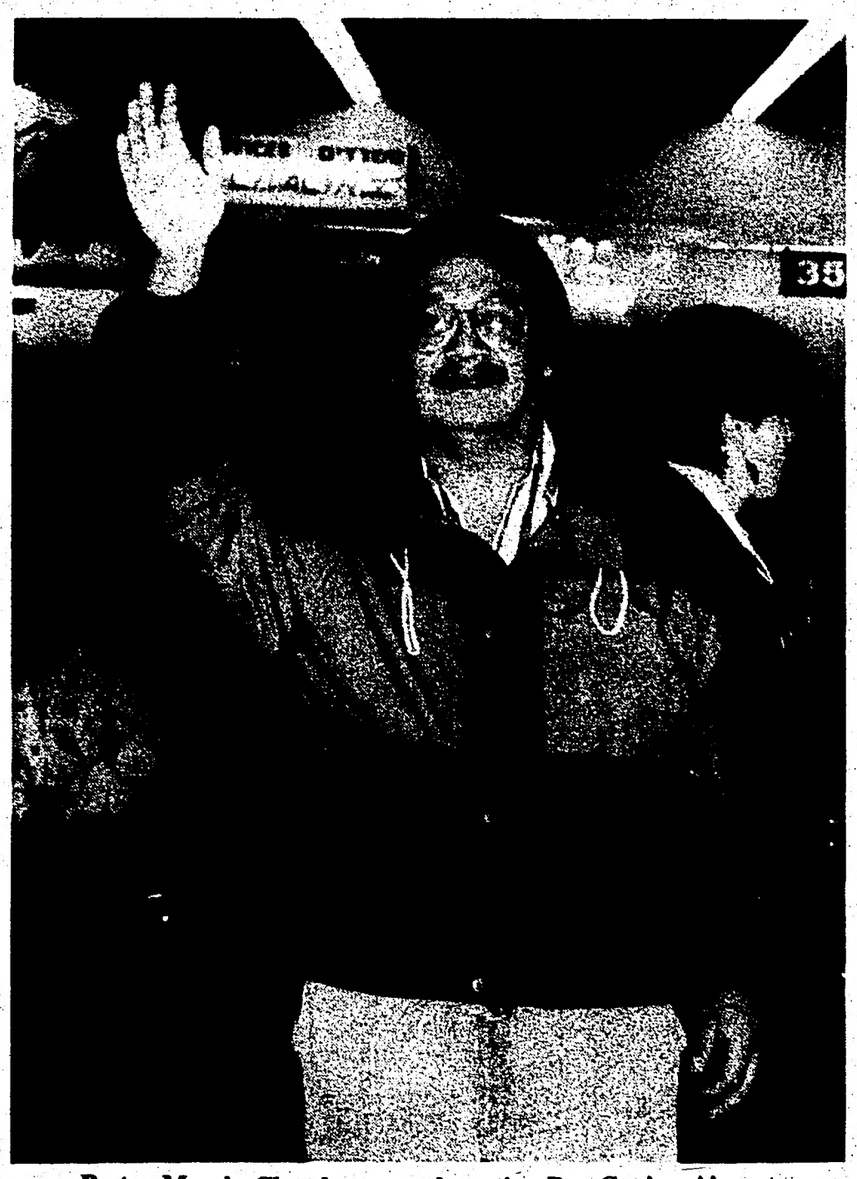
Even the landscape surprised him. He always imagined the Holy Land as flat desert. Its rolling hills and lush agricultural fields turned his head.

"I got to appreciate the people, their way of life and their friendliness," he said. "The whole country is so small and it is so powerful. They seem to be blessed by God."

In addition to the spots of interest to Christian visitors,the group also visited Jericho, Mount Carmel, the Dead Sea and the Jordan River.

Also on the trip were an Eskimo from Alaska, a Chippewa from northern Minnesota, an Inca from Peru, a Cuna Indian from Guatemala, a Mohavi from New Mexico and a Hopi Indian from Arizona, as well as the group leader who also resides in Arizona, Pastor Cheechoo said.

Looking back on the trip, Pastor Cheechoo said "it was such a good experience for me as a Christian to go to the Holy Land and to realize that the Jewish people are God's people. I have deep respect and a deeper appreciation for them now that I was there."



Pastor Mervin Cheechoo seen departing Ben-Gurion Airport.

BRIDGING THE GAP

Bridging the ORT generation gap are (front, from left) Sophie Crestohl, founding president of Women's Canadian ORT, with Alison Schnaiberg and Heidi Burbela, respectively secretary and vice-president of the BAT-ORT, Montreal ORT's new pre-teen chapter. In the rear are (from left) WCO national president Lydia London; Priva Drimer, national vice-president of WCO; Sharyn Cytrynbaum, president, Montreal region; and Maria Silverman, incoming president.

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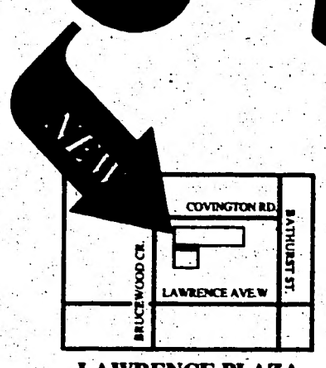

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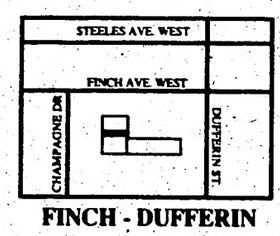

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Canadian delegation plans trip to Israel

TORONTO —

A delegation of Canadians will join more than 200 young Jewish leaders from across North America in a visit to Israel this summer. The group will meet with top-level members of the Israeli cabinet and witness first-hand immigrant absorption when they visit Israel from July 12 to 23 as part of the Israel Bonds New Leadership Division delegation, according to Howard Goldstein, North American New Leadership chairman.

"We're excited at the prospect of seeing absorption first-hand and meeting with the officials who can give us more details, especially since Israel Bonds monies are used exclusively for such resettlement," he said.

Delegates from more than 40 communities in Canada and the United States will meet with Israel's highest leaders during the two-week trip. Past delegations have met with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, and Housing and Construction Minister Ariel Sharon.

Other highlights of the journey include a special program celebrating 25 years of a unified Jerusalem; a visit to Beersheba, capital of the Negev, and location of immigrant absorption; a visit to Beit Shean, one of the oldest settled sites in Israel; a tour of Masada with a bar/bat mitzvah ceremony; a stop at Yad Vashem, the memorial to the Holocaust; a visit to an army base with an observation of Israel soldiers in maneuvres; and an excursion to the Diaspora museum.

An optional pre-trip to Czechoslovakia and Hungary from July 6-12 offers delegates a tour of Prague, including Wencelas Square and King's palace, as well as a stay in Budapest "the Pearl of the Danube," incorporating meetings with Budapest Jewry and a tour of the national museum.

"This trip promises to be both inspiring and enlightening," said Dan Katz, delegation sales chairman. "It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for young Jewish leaders from across the country."

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Organizations and People

Dallas rabbi to visit Temple

TORONTO —

Rabbi Shelly Zimmerman, incoming president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis will be visiting Toronto as a guest of Temple Kol Ami and Kolel May 29-31. Rabbi Zimmerman, a former Torontonian, is currently senior rabbi of Temple Emanu-El in Dallas, Texas.

This visit is made possible through Mini-University, a program that encourages the visits of distinguished rabbis and cantors. The Central Conference of American Rabbis is the international rabbinic body for Reform Judaism.

During the first part of the weekend Rabbi Zimmerman will take part in Temple Kol Ami's first "Scholar-in-Residence" program.

On Friday, May 29, at 7 p.m., Temple Kol Ami will be holding a special service for children during which Rabbi Zimmerman will lead a family service using puppetry.

On Saturday, May 30, at 9:30 a.m., the rabbi will lead the adults in Torah study where he will discuss New Horizons on the Reform Agenda.

Both these programs are at the Leo Baeck Day School, 34 Kenton Drive and are open to members of the community. Please call Temple Kol Ami at 660-5199 for more information.

Temple Kol Ami is a young, vibrant congregation in the north-east area of Toronto, with a thriving religious school. Guided by Rabbi Nancy Wechsler, it was started by a handful of members in 1990 and has grown to almost 80 families during the last two years. The congregation, with services and educational. and social programing geared to all ages, has a volunteer choir and a newly organized youth group for its teenage members.

Rabbi Zimmerman will spend the second part of the weekend with Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning.

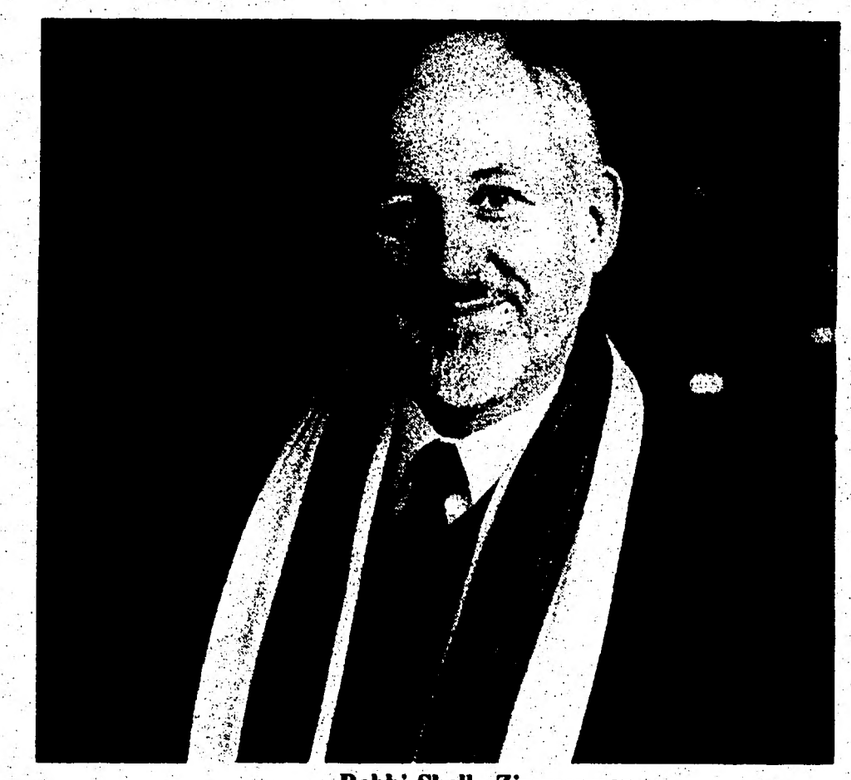
Kolel is the community adult education program of the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism, explains its director, Rabbi Elyse Goldstein. "The centre offers in-depth Judaic study for university age and up with serious exploration of traditional texts from a liberal perspective, in a progressive and egalitarian atmosphere," she said.

Kolel began in August, 1991, and is celebrating its first academic year of operation. In its first year, over 175 adults studied in 13 courses and over 250 adults participated in a week-long mini-course in Gender and Judaism. Students come from all the movements and all points of the religious spectrum as well as unaffiliated, and range from day-school graduates, Judaic studies majors at universities to those who never had any formal Jewish education.

Rabbi Zimmerman will be the guest of honor at Kolel's closing siyum of the year (siyum is a celebration following the successful learning of a section of Judaic text). He will lead a text study session and also share his vision of the direction for liberal Judaism in the future. Singing, refreshment and havdalah will follow.

The siyum takes place at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 30 at Temple Har Zion, 7380 Bayview Avenue and is open to all Kolel students and anyone interested in attending Kolel in the future. Reservations can be made by calling 660-3154.

On Sunday, Rabbi Zimmerman will address the Kolel board of trustees.



Rabbi Shelly Zimmerman

Press Club apologizes to community

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

The Winnipeg Press Club and the National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians (NABET) Local 821 have sent letters of apology to the Jewish community after the press club ran a NABET ad on behalf of striking CKND-TV workers caricaturing station owner I. H. Asper.

The ad appeared in the program accompanying the press club's annual Beer and Skits night. The club has been putting on the comic Beer and Skits event for 59 years. "Everything is supposed to be in good fun," says press club president Kevin Rollason. "This was a mean-spirited ad which somehow slipped by us. It in no way typifies the ideals of the club or Beer and Skits."

The ad features two figures named "Pete" and "Izzy." In reply to a comment by "Pete," 'Izzy," who has a tie with a Magen David on it, uses the expression "g-d-damned Gentile schmuck" and talks about suing that "Polak (John) Szpala" (president of the union local). Above the figures was a David Letterman list of reasons CKND staff went on strike eight months ago.

One of the first letters of apology Rollason sent out, he says, was to Asper. He has also sent letters of apology to Sid Halpern, president of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council, Lyle Smordin and the B'nai Brith League for Human Rights, and Joe Wilder, national vice-president of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

CKND strike leader Szpala has also sent a letter of apology to Wilder. "The union neither created, approved, edited or sanctioned this ad," Szpala says. "It was created by one of our members without the knowledge or approval of our union executive. We are taking appropriate action to deal with the individual. The ad was reprehensible and we regret it slipped through our fingers."

Rollason, however, says he would be more comfortable with Szpala's apology if he weren't back-tracking. "NABET paid for the ad," he says. "It was their ad."

"We brought to the attention of both the union and the press club our great displeasure about the ad," says Wilder. "It was completely inappropriate and in poor taste. There is no room for such stereotyping in our society. Fortunately the union and all concerned recognize that. We accept their apologies and assurance this won't happen again."

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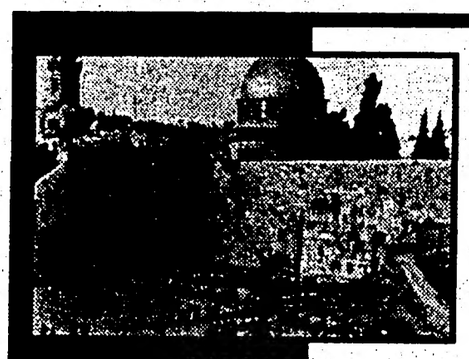

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Henry Blatt was founding president of BBC

By
BEN ROSE

MONTREAL—
Henry Blatt, founding president of B'nai Brith Canada, died here recently at the age of 81.

On April 1, 1964, Blatt became the first head of the newly-formed B'nai Brith International District 22 - B'nai Brith Canada.

Before being elevated to the presidency of the national organization, he had served with distinction as the president of Montreal's Mount Royal Lodge. During his tenure, $60,000 was raised for Camp B'nai Brith and aid to Israel reached an unprecedented high.

He was also a past chairman of Combined Jewish Appeal and was affiliated with the Jewish General Hospital and the YM-YWHA, among other community groups.

When Blatt was president of Mount Royal Lodge, the $20,000 mortgage on Hillel House was burned. Under his leadership, accommodation at Camp B'nai Brith was increased to house 400 needy children. He started a blood clinic in his own plant, and several other members of the lodge followed suit in their own firms.

Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of B'nai Brith Canada, paid tribute to Blatt's contribution to the organization.

Born in Warsaw, Blatt was president of Rest Glow Lighting and Midtown Electric.

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Organizations and People

JF&CS helps greater number of those in need

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Poverty is a "reality" in the Jewish community and a "growing number" of Jews in Metro are having a harder time making ends meet.

This was the grim message from Jewish Family & Child Service executive director Gordon Wolfe at the agency's annual meeting here last week.

And the worst thing about being Jewish and poor is being ashamed to use Jewish services because one is poor, and ashamed to use government aid because one is Jewish, Wolfe added.

As in the general community, the recession's sting has been felt among Jews. JF&CS has seen the results: unemployment leads to a potent mixture of depression, agitation and "a sense of exhaustion." Fuses are shorter and ultimately, it is children who suffer most, Wolfe told the 200 staff, lay leaders, volunteers and clients attending.

Indeed, the child mortality rate among the poor is twice that of the non-poor, while the dropout rate in poor families is more than double than in better-off families, he noted.

Fortunately, the Jewish community has the lowest per capita number of children in the children's aid system in Metro, Wolfe said.

The agency's case load, however, is up by 10 percent, while requests for financial assistance between July 1989 and June 1991 jumped by 33 percent, the meeting was told.

Despite reduced funding from governments, the United Way and the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, JF&CS will not cut back on its financial assistance program, Wolfe promised.

The innovative program steers clients away from food and clothing banks by topping up the amounts they receive from social assistance, child support and welfare. This year, JF&CS will boost funding to the program by 15 percent, Wolfe said.

The agency ended 1991 with a balanced budget, but like all social services in Metro, it will be squeezed this year primarily because the recession is hitting the middle class, said president Francie Storm.

Storm said the agency's staff is "stretched to the limit" and that JF&CS will have to "re-examine" its services to the elderly.

She pointed out that more than 39,000 Jews now live north of Steeles Avenue.

That's why JF&CS will close its Fairview Mall office this summer and expand its outreach centre in the Promenade Mall in Thornhill to a full service office, Storm said.

The annual meeting heard a first: three JF&CS clients recounted how the agency helped them.

Shelley Birenbaum, Cliff Hendler, Elaine Lightstone and Iris Peretz completed their terms on the board of directors, while Sophie Fischhoff, Sandy Folk, Judith Gelber Wintrob and Mendy Maierovitz were welcomed as new board members.

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Yiddish courses threatened by lack of funds

TORONTO —

Unless funds can be raised immediately, Yiddish courses at University of Toronto might come to an abrupt end.

A $30,000 fundraising campaign has been launched to save the three endangered courses, says Sylvia Lustgarten, director of the committee for Yiddish of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. The courses are sponsored by the Yiddish committee and have been taught at U of T for the past 20 years.

The threatened classes include beginner and intermediate-level Yiddish and the popular Survey of Yiddish Literature. Lustgarten says the courses have been successful in attracting young students who are interested in but not necessarily fluent in the 1,000-year-old language.

The committee has succeeded in setting up a campaign committee to establish a chair or professorship of Yiddish at U of T. But without the necessary funding for the classes, the three courses will not be able to continue.

Dr. Les Train, a dentist, has been teaching an intermediate Yiddish class at U of T since 1987. Most of the students in his course are second or third-year students who range in age from 20s to 80s.

"The class incorporates the whole range of society," he explains. "Some have a Yiddish background and some come with absolutely no background."

He notes that non-Jews also participated in the classes. For instance, those who are involved in social work or in the medical field deal with elderly Jewish people who are no longer proficient in English and have reverted back to the language of their childhood — Yiddish. The course helps the professionals to better serve their Jewish clients, says Train, who adds that, for them, "a knowledge of Yiddish is really crucial."

"The trouble is that a lot of people don't realize that the course can be taken. It's mainly a problem that Yiddish isn't a high priority for many," Train says.

Many students give more thought to studying Hebrew, Judaism or philosophy. It's a shame, he says, because Yiddish is the language in which some of the most profound Jewish literature of the past two centuries has been written, not to mention the vast library of scholarly works that was written in Yiddish.

Many students read classes by authors like Bialik and Peretz in Hebrew or English, and much is lost in the translation, Train explains. He describes how his own child came home from school one day singing *Oifn Prepitchik* in Hebrew, and how it saddened him that the emotion went out of the translation.

"Those who want to really learn about cultural documents of the past 200 years should know about Yiddish," he adds, pointing out that *The History of Palestine* was originally written in the mamaloshn.

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Fashion

Top togs for boys at Crawford & Co.

By
BRUCE PARKINSON

There was a time, before music videos and mass advertising, when children wore what their parents bought them and woe to those who questioned it.

"The last thing I would ever do is tell my father 'I won't wear this," says Paul Spiar, who runs Crawford & Co., a store that caters mostly to the sartorial needs of young boys.

"Today, kids have a very definite sense of what they will wear and what they won't."

And in many cases, the parents are going along with their children's wishes, if only to keep the peace. This change has also affected how children's clothing stores do business. More and more, Spiar finds himself dealing with the youngster rather than the parent. "It's a challenge, but it's really a lot of fun," he says.

Crawford carries men's wear as well, — it represents about 30 percent of the business, with boys' wear making up the rest.

What's new in boys' wear?

Well, it's really not new, just variations on the denim theme that has characterized the boy's casual market for many years now.

A hot item this year, Spiar says, is "short-alls," overall-type denim outfits that are cut off about knee-length and then usually rolled up by the wearer to meet the current definition of cool.

Spiar says all the denim he is selling, be it short-alls or the proverbial five-pocket jean, is pre-washed and softened, with a faded look. Jerseys are also constructed from washed cottons, offering "that comfortable, lived-in look."

Spiar says jerseys and patterned shorts "are not quite as loud as last year." While still colorful, the tones have softened somewhat away from day-glo shockers.

As the weather begins to warm up, Spiar says sales of cotton twill shorts and patterned elastic-waist pull-ons are picking up quickly.

Low prices, quality and service is the combination that today's parent is looking for when shopping with their children, Spiar says. He believes Crawford fits well into this consumer mood, as "our policy is to soft-price with short mark-ups, and try to do a large turnover. People don't want to pay a lot, but they also want something that will last. That's what we try to provide."

Crawford has been around for 40 years now, with many of them spent on Yonge Street. In its current location at the Lawrence Plaza at Bathurst and Lawrence, Spiar says the store is now attracting a lot of business, after a couple of years of making its name in a radically different setting.

"Service, service and service" is another key to retail survival, Spiar says, and that culture has to come from the top. Some of his recent initiatives aimed at providing good service and a comfortable atmosphere for children and parents include setting up a play area for young children, offering coffee to parents and installing a Nintendo set for the older kids.

"I want to give them the time to take their time and be relaxed enough to make the right decision," he says.

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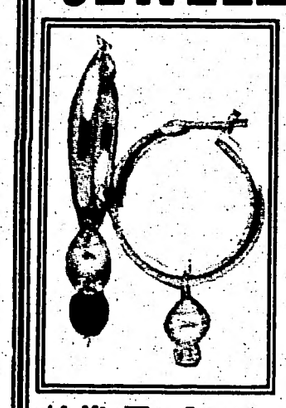
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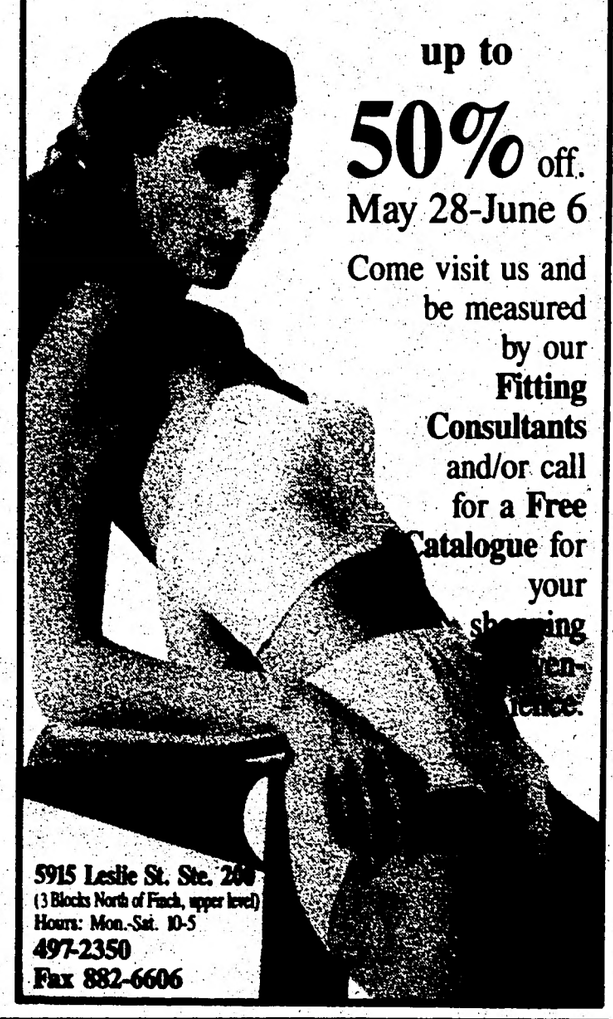
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By BERNARD BASKIN

MR. MANI by A.B. Yehoshua (Doubleday $28.00)

This major novel by one of Israel's most esteemed writers, published in Hebrew about 18 months ago and now brilliantly translated, sold 40,000 copies and was awarded the prestigious Israel Literature Prize. Yehoshua, living in Haifa with his psychiatrist wife and three children, can boast of a Sephardi background that goes back five generations in Jerusalem.

Mr. Mani is a brilliantly crafted experimental and challenging work. It moves backwards in time as it relates six generations of family history — from 1848 to 1982 — in five, one-sided, conversations. The response or reaction of the mute person is left to the reader's imagination. A recent reviewer has described the effect as that "of listening to someone talking on a telephone in the next room... by the end of each conversation, however, the reader feels intimately familiar with both the speaker and the unheard listener."

Each of the five sketches or episodes is accompanied by a brief forward and afterward that adds helpful details and explications.

The conversations — apart from the last one — are those of strangers who recall their dramatic involvement with members of the Mani clan. The mood they convey, for the most part, is dark and foreboding.

The first speaker, a young woman on a kibbutz, calls her psychologist mother on New Year's Eve 1982 to relate how she discovered a Gavriel Mani, a judge in Jerusalem and the father of her lover, on the verge of committing suicide.

The next episode involves a German paratrooper on Crete during World War II who tells his stepmother of his meeting a guide to the ruins of Knossos called Mani and of his unlikely relationship with the guide and his son.

In the third conversation, a Jewish army officer describes his attempts to obtain a pardon from British authorities in 1918 for Yosef Mani on Trial for treason for passing documents to the Turkish enemy.

For his fourth conversation, the author has a 29-year-old doctor address his father in Poland in 1899 about his attendance at a Swiss Zionist Congress and his tragic meeting with Moshe Mani, a hyperactive obstetrician, who commits suicide.

In the final and earliest episode in time, Abraham Mani, in Athens, tells of his family origins and of a terrible sin, confessed to a dying rabbi that subsequently placed an indelible taint or curse on all generations of the family.

What is the author's message? What is he trying to convey? Various interpretations are possible: a depiction of the wandering Jew through history, the obstinate problems of modern Israel with their underground springs of alienation and fanaticism, the quest for Jewish identity in an uncertain and harsh world.

In any case, this is a powerful and many-sided work that is well worth the reader's time and understanding.

Federation plans annual Jewish Music Festival

TORONTO —

The Toronto Jewish Music commitee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto will present its annual Jewish Music Festival, an evening of Jewish choral music selections, on June 1, at 8 p.m. The event will be held at Adath Israel Synagogue.

Jewish liturgical, holiday, Israeli and thematic music will be sung by groups including the Bernard Betel Creative Choir, Kol Shira Choir, Makhelat Reena, Zemer Chorale of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue and the Heritage Singers.

Synagogue choirs will include Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, Beth Tikvah, Holy Blossom, Shaarei Beth El, Temple Emanu-El, Temple Har Zion, Temple Kol Ami and Temple Sinai.

The festival is being co-ordinated by committee member Amy Gilbert. Ben Steinberg is the committee's chairman.

"We are fortunate to have in our midst a significant number of people — young and old — who enjoy singing, says Steinberg. The Federation's encouragement and support of these choirs and their conductors is a wonderful catalyst for the programming of Jewish choral music."

The music committee is involved in other endeavors, including concert series and illustrated lectures. An annual zimriya is also organized by the committee.

For more information, contact Rachel Rosenberg, Federation cultural committee co-ordinator, at 653-2883, ext. 151.

Eye on Arts

Internationally acclaimed violist and creative artist **Rikva Golani** will perform in a benefit concert on behalf of the Chaim Sheba Medical Centre of Tel Hashomer, Israel on June 11 at the Leah Posluns Theatre.

The proceeds from the concert, which is sponsored by Canadian Friends of Tel Hashomer Hospital, are earmarked for the acquisition of a dialysis unit.

Located east of Tel Aviv, the hospital was founded in 1947. Today, it is Israel's largest hospital with over 1,300 beds and an annual turnover of more than 500,000 patients in its outpatient clinics.

For more information about Canadian Friends of Tel Hashomer Hospital or for concert tickets call 633-5646. Tickets are also available at Leah Posluns Theatre.

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Four concerts honoring the late Glenn Gould, one of Canada's most renowned musicians, will be held during 12th season of Music at Sharon in July.

Music at Sharon began in 1981 and over the years the festival has gained a reputation as a resource for Canadian work, having presented some 230 works from the 19th and early 20th centuries.

The Music at Sharon festival takes place in the Sharon-Hope United Church. It is located on Leslie Street in Sharon, just north of Newmarket. Picnic sites are available in the area.

For further information call (416) 478-8155 or 940-4599 in Toronto.

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The New Leadership Group pf the Jerusalem Foundation of Canada proudly presents . . . Jerusalem Day — A Celebration Of Art on Monday, June 1, at 7:30 p.m. at The Pantages Theatre, 244 Victoria St.

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Set to coincide with Yom Yerushalayim, the event will feature contemporary Jewish artists and contemporary Israeli music. The event will display many works of art that can be purchased throughout the evening.

A portion of the evening's art sales will be donated to a project in Jerusalem, funded by The Toronto New Leadership Group of The Jerusalem Foundation of Canada.

Tickets for this event are $18. Refreshments will be served.

For more information please contact: Rochelle Israel at 771-9051.

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Temple Sinai Congregation presents, in recital, **Igor Gefter**, cellist, winner of the 1992 Sinai Musical Legacy Award. Gefter will perform works by Bach, Beethoven, Dvorak, Chopin, and Bloch on Wednesday, June 17, at 8 p.m. at Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave.

York U hosts Hebrew language, literature meet

TORONTO —

The Tenth International Conference on University Teaching of Hebrew Language and Literature will be held this year at York University from May 31 — June 2. The organizing body is the national association of professors of Hebrew (NAPH). The president of NAPH is Prof. Gilead Morahg from the University of Wisconsin.

The conference chair and local organizer this year is Prof. Joseph B. Zbili of the Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics, York University. The conference is fully supported and co-sponsored by the Center for Jewish Studies, the Faculty of Arts, and the Faculty of Education, York University.

This year's conference will focus on issues that relate to higher Hebrew education. NAPH's major focus is the development of new methodologies, as well as the integration of high technology for the teaching of Hebrew language and literature. Ongoing scholarly research on Hebrew linguistics, literature, and bible is also one of the main objectives of the conference.

This year about 150 scholars from many countries, including Israel, Brazil, England, The United States etc. will gather at York University and take part in this important event. More than 70 papers, workshops and discussion groups are scheduled.

The keynote address will be given by Prof. Uriel Simon, a reknowned Israeli Biblical scholar, from Bar-Ilan University.

Conference greetings will be presented by Prof. Sidney Eisen, director of the Center for Jewish studies as well as by Dean Stanley Shapson from the Faculty of Education.

It is noteworthy that previous conferences were held at, among others, University of California (UCLA), New York University, Yeshiva University, Emori University etc.

Teachers and principals of Hebrew Day Schools of the various cities are always invited to participate in the various activities of the conference. This will also be the case in Toronto, and many of the school teachers and principals have already registered for the conference.

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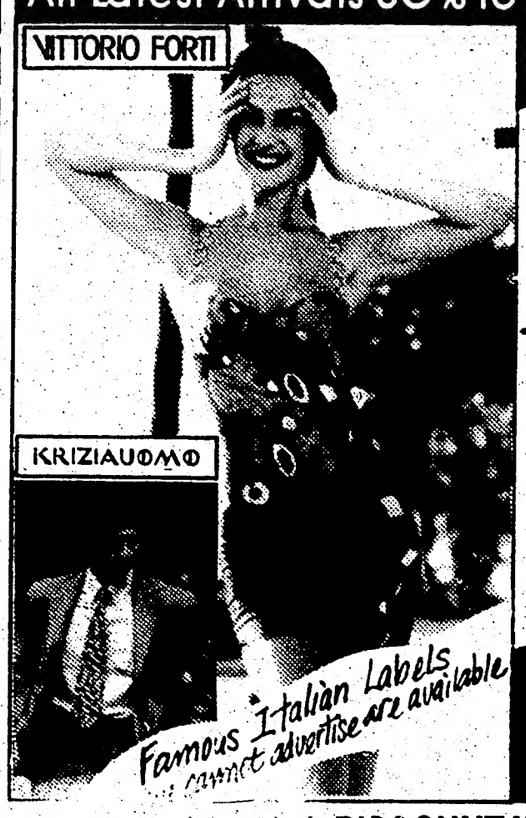

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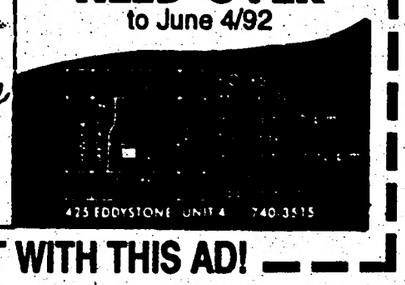

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TRAVEL TALK

By
LEN BUTCHER

Have you ever done or said things that have come back to haunt you? Well, like yourself, so have I, but I never expected it to come from, of all people, someone I don't even know.

I received a letter recently from a woman in **Calgary** of all places, who took offence at my not wanting to ever meet her darling little daughter, **Alice,** who, (or is it whom?) I believe is about a year old or some such horrible age. I would normally throw a letter like this away, as I do with all the crank mail that comes in. Unfortunately, this woman is none other than the **Dragon Lady's** sister.

For those of you who don't know, the **Dragon Lady** is **Patricia Rucker,** our esteemed editor and the woman I have to pay homage to each month to keep my job. In the letter, the sister writes: "I was not in the least bothered by his (meaning me) attitude toward (or is it towards?) **Calgary.** What did, and the did was underlined, offend me, however, was **Mr. Butcher's** statement that he never wanted to meet **Alice.** I'll have you know that my daughter is a very sweet (meaning she doesn't wash her hair with the creamed corn) little girl and well worth meeting (only if you're a masochist). If **Mr. Butcher** isn't careful, I'll bring her into his office and introduce her to him this summer."

Well, at least I'm safe on that last count. My office is so small, two of us, even if one's a midget, couldn't fit into it. But the nerve of this woman, although it shouldn't surprise me, being a relative of the **DL**. I realize, however, I must be diplomatic about this and soothe this obviously disturbed woman.

I have sent sweet little **Alice** a box of **Trident** gum. Which means she won't overdose on sugar, but she will have enough to plug the vacuum cleaner, stick in the cat's eye and shove down between the cushions on the couch. Now, I ask you. What more can I do?

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I know, I know. You're saying "So what, **Butcher Man?** Who cares about your stupid mail? Tell us something about travel."

You're right, even though I think you're being very rude pressuring me into writing something that may be of interest to you. But I'll give it a try. Before I do, however, let me tell you that just because I'm not writing anything this week about my recent trip to **Israel** doesn't mean I'm letting you off the hook. There's still much more to come, so be prepared.

In the meantime, call your travel agent and book your trip. It looks like it's going to be a record year for tourism to **Israel** and I want you to be part of it.

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If you have any interest in **Scandinavia** other than five feet, 10-inch beautiful blondes with bodies that make **Raquel Welch** look like **Olive Oil** then I've got the perfect holiday for you.

For the 17th year, **Swedish-born Rabbi Frederick Werbell** of **New York** will lead another of the **Scandinavian Jewish Experience** tours. This year's series has been expanded to six tours, including two designed especially for singles.

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Rabbi Werbell points out that this is an auspicious year to visit **Scandinavia.** "We will take part in the preparations for the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the rescue of **Denmark.** We will celebrate with **Danish Jews** who were saved in 1943. We will show our gratitude and appreciation to **Denmark** and her brave underground movement, whose members risked their lives to rescue their Jewish countrymen," says the rabbi.

If you want more information, and I'm sure you do, contact **Scandinavian Jewish Experience Tours** at 405 East 63rd St. New York, NY 10021. You can also call them at 1-800-723-6284 or 1-212-751-4999. If you have a fax then fax them at 1-212-751-5114.

It sounds like a great trip. If you decide to go and can afford to take me, let me know as soon as possible so I can arrange to get the time off.

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This week's **Gimme A Break** item: **Canada 3000 Airlines** is featuring a classical movie festival this summer on their transatlantic flights. "We are trying to stay on the leading edge of consumer demand," says a spokesman.

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Business Outlook

The right to strike is studied

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —
The question of whether workers in essential services should have the right to strike is very relative says the acting regional director of Canadian Labor Congress, Ontario Region.

"Different people think different services are essential," Bill Chedore told a recent public affairs forum sponsored by Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living.

He told the group that if people believe that certain services are essential, then employees in that particular service should be treated fairly by their employer, and in essence "we are their employer. A lot of workers in the public sector have lower wages and benefits than those in the private sector. These government workers should not be looked upon as different than those in the private sector — they are just trying to better their lot in life."

He added that workers should have the right to withdraw services if working conditions are not right. "People want the right to provide services for a fee and that fee is wages, benefits and proper conditions. If fairness is there then there probably would not be strikes in the public sector."

Allen Leach, chief general manager, T.T.C., agreed that essential service is a matter of perception. "In Ontario we have provincial ambulance drivers who cannot strike and city ambulance drivers who can. The Liquor Control Board cannot strike while the beer stores can. What we need is for all levels of government to get together and establish a common definition of essential service."

Leach said that he believes in the collective bargaining process because it encourages the exchange of ideas and the teamwork to resolve issues. "When there is no legal possibility of strikes however, there is little or no incentive for either party to move on a decision and important issues are often not resolved. This means that disruption in the workforce grows, which in the long term may have more negative impact on the public than a short strike."

He said that management and labor must re-examine the way they do business "and move away from the traditional 'them' and 'us.' I believe that this can greatly improve the bargaining process and diminish the need for walk-outs."

Harry J. Glasbeek, law professor at Osgoode Hall Law School, said that no one has the right to withhold the right to strike. "Public strikes affect all of us instantly so we say to stop them. Private strikes take longer to feel. Those working in the public sector took their jobs because they need them, not because they want to serve us. It is archaic labor laws that deny workers the right to strike by legislating them back to work."

Theft takes its toll: expert

TORONTO —
Theft by customers and employees from retail stores continues unabated.

Customers are stealing more than $3 million dollars per day from Canadian retailers while their employees help themselves to another $1.5 million. When paperwork errors are added in, the total shrinkage (loss) is over $6 million per day — or well over $2 billion per year.

These shocking figures are from the *1992 Shrinkage Survey of Canadian Retailers* produced by the Retail Council of Canada.

"Retailers have seen virtually no growth in paid sales over the past year," says Retail Council vice-president Mel Fruitman, "but they sure have endured a damaging increase in the amount of merchandise that went out of their stores — without being paid for.

"The crime wave continues," he adds. "Customer theft, usually called euphemistically shoplifting, should be right up there in the headlines along with other forms of crime and the latest economic figures. In fact, I wonder whether some of those stores that went out of business last year might still be around if so much of their merchandise had not been stolen by their customers and employees."

The survey, based on results from 150 retail organizations with combined annual sales of $19 billion revealed that the median level of shrinkage is 1.8 percent of sales, up from 1.5 percent last year. Fruitman cautions, however, that the apparent increase may be slightly overstated due to some change in the actual companies responding.

Retailers estimate that the proportion of loss attributed to customers had gone up slightly and is well over half, while employee theft accounts for about a quarter, with the balance accounted for by paperwork and bookkeeping errors.

Stores that were hit the hardest in the past year were book/card stores, pharmacies and department/general merchandise stores, all with losses over 2 percent of sales. Those who did suffer as much were sporting goods and supermarkets.

Smaller organizations no longer seem to be treated better by these light-fingered thieves — the difference in loss rates between small and large organizations has narrowed considerably.

Retailers are increasingly taking measures to reduce their losses and continue to get tougher with those they catch stealing. Seventy-two percent report that they have installed some form of anti-shoplifting equipment, while many others (31 percent) use company employees as security personnel and 14 percent use outside security forces.

Forty percent of all respondents indicate that they prosecute all customers caught stealing, while over 30 percent prosecute all employees. Over half of the retailers prosecute depending on the particular circumstances and do so in about 50 percent of the cases for employees and 60 percent for customers. The portion who do not prosecute has declined to 13 percent in both instances.

Retailers also note that they are catching more thieves in both categories and feel that it is primarily a result of improved vigilance, and secondarily a result of increased thefts.

"If retailers had available the stolen/missing $2 billion to pay their bills and to buy new merchandise," notes Fruitman, "they would probably be able to deliver a fatal blow to the recession. It's sad that a crime which many people consider to be victimless has such a dramatic impact on all of us."

Housing tips when buying in Israel

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —
Everyone is talking about housing in Israel. New immigrants from Russia and Ethiopia need homes to live in, so do young newlyweds, and growing families. Then there are buyers from all over the world who want a second home to be used for family vacations, future aliya, or for a good investment.

Although some assumed that prices would fall due to the Gulf War, unlike the world market, Israel's housing prices here have continue to rise. But where do you start?

What difference does it make in Chicago, if the apartment or "condo" faces south or north? In Israel the 'directions' of air, wind flow and sunshine make the difference in a wonderful apartment or one you can suffer in. A good apartment faces south and has at least two directions. The north and west sides of an apartment get the blasts of wind and downpouring of rain.

In Jerusalem where construction is with stone, the sun needs to warm every room in the winter and keep the cool air flowing in the summer. Insulation of walls is a must. Without good insulation you cannot heat your apartment economically. Inner plastered block walls against exterior concrete walls with thin or no insulation causes severe trouble to the homeowner.

Wall condensation that leads to black mold, brings discomfort, health hazards, and offensive looking walls. Properly insulated walls eliminate all this discomfort .

Don't ever buy an apartment by the number of rooms. Room sizes vary. Get the exact measurements in square meters. "Net" means clear interior space. "Gross" includes wall, porches and often stairwells. A four room apartment can be any size between 75 meters and 150 meters. The kitchen and bathrooms are not counted as rooms. After you get the exact meter size "netto" multiply the area by a 10.76 and you will arrive at the square feet of the apartment.

Will your apartment take large American furniture and appliances? Many washing machines and dryers had to be discarded due to small door openings on the utility porch.

Will your bedroom be spacious enough for you after closets are built in?

What floor is the apartment on? You may require a view, but if there is an electricity blackout, are you able to climb up to the ninth floor with your packages?

Neighborhoods in Jerusalem are varied and different mainly due to the people who occupy the apartments. Having neighbors with similar backgrounds and tastes make living here pleasant and enjoyable the entire year or even one month out of every year.

You must be liberal and tolerant to live in a mixed neighborhood. If you have a family with young children, don't buy an apartment in a high-rise area. Where will your children play with all the traffic flowing by and senior citizens and retired couples residing in most of the building?

If you enjoy television and need to drive your car on Shabbat, don't buy an apartment in Jerusalem's religious neighborhoods of Har Nof, Mattesdorf or Sanhedria Hamurchevet.

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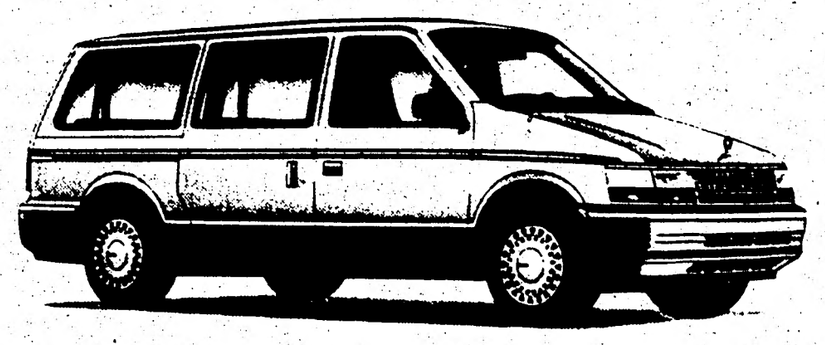
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After 1992 the unified economic nation of Western Europe will have 320 million people with $4 trillion in purchasing power — the wealthiest single market in the world. Is it no coincidence that Euro-Disney was recently opened?

In the United States the aging population makes the U.S. health care sector attractive for the future. In particular, U.S. drug companies command about 50 percent of worldwide market share and comprise a majority of the top 10 with respect to profitability.

Until recently, only affluent Canadians seized advantage of investment opportunities like those above. With the RRSP rules permitting 16 percent foreign content (and scheduled to increase to 20 percent by 1994), there is growing interest amongst all investors in searching out promising foreign investments.

The main benefit of investing in foreign equity markets is higher returns due to their relative performance versus the Canadian market.

Higher returns from global investing also means reduced risk. At the lower right-hand corner of the chart (G) below, you can see that if you had invested 100 percent in the Morgan Stanley Canada Index over the 10-year period, your investment would have earned an eight percent rate of return and the risk level as measured by standard deviation would have been 19.4 percent.

As increments of the Morgan Stanley World Index are added to the Canada-only portfolio, the risk level actually declines while the rate of return increases. In fact, when fully invested in global securities, the compound rate of return was 7.6 percent higher and the risk was 2.2 percent lower (A).

To put it in a more tangible way, $10,000 invested in the Canada-only portfolio would have increased to $21,000 over the 10-year period. However, invested in the global portfolio, your investment would have grown to $42,617, double the return on the Canada-only investment. Since your risk is much less, the odds of you earning $42,617 is more likely to occur than earning $21,600 through your made-in Canada investment.

When investing internationally, you are faced with many challenges. How do you locate exceptional companies without knowledge of the investment dynamics which exist within each country? What effect will multiple currency fluctuations have on investment performance? How do you access markets that often do not operate in a similar regulatory environment to the one which exists in North America? And, even with significant amounts of capital, how do you obtain proper diversification?

An increasing number of investors are choosing to do their international investing through mutual funds because they eliminate these challenges.

Foreign portfolio managers, with international expertise and proven track records, make the investment selections and currency calls as well as understand the local regulatory standards. And investments of any size are instantly diversified . . . an especially important detail now that legislation has been introduced which allows the foreign content in RRSPs to increase from 16 percent this year to 20 percent in 1994.

Limiting your portfolio to Canadian equities is a little like learning only the letter A and forgetting about the rest of the alphabet. Canada accounts for approximately 2.6 percent of the $8.4 trillion world capitalization. As you discovered, investing globally actually reduces the risk exposure, while achieving higher returns.

(Larry Rotenberg is an Investment Executive with Burns Fry Limited.)

The Value of Global Diversification

Risk vs. Return For Various Contributions Of the MSCI World Index and MSCI Canada Index (in Cdn. $)

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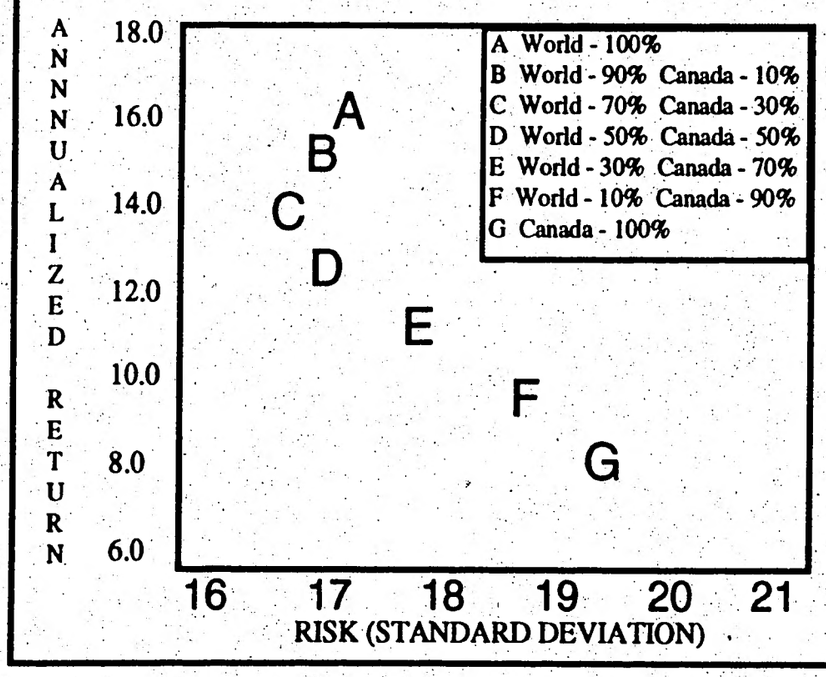

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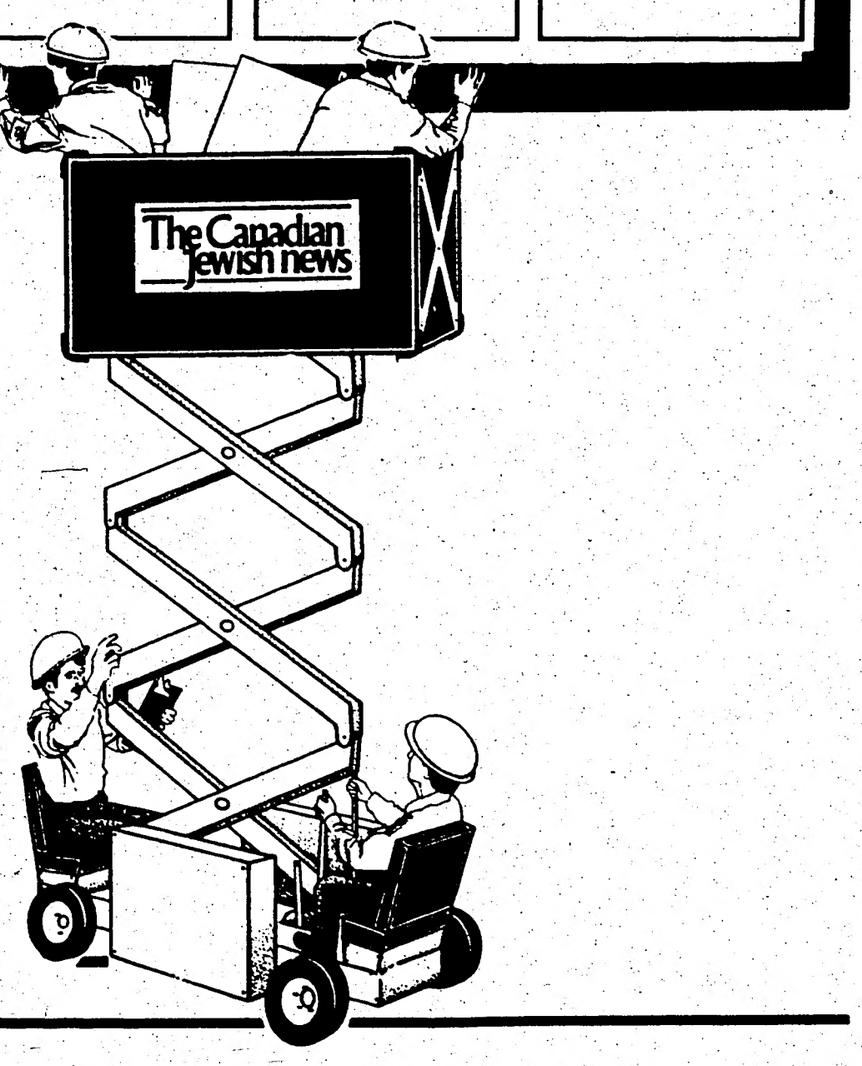

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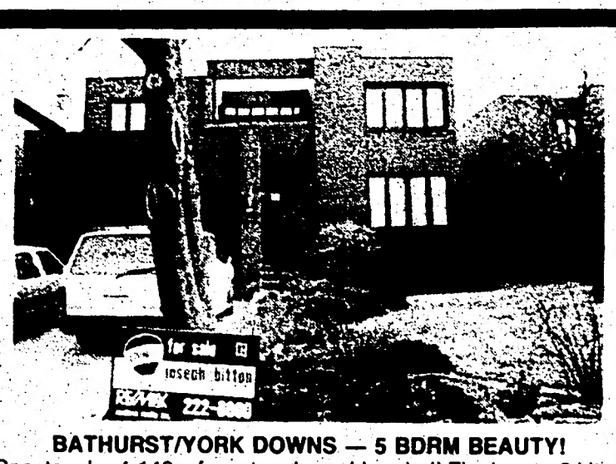

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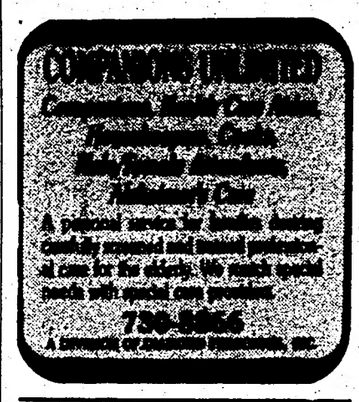
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Schullerer on May 11, 1992, late of 37 Luverne Ave.
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Young, Edith on May 7, 1992, late of Cummer Lodge.

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BENJAMIN'S PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL

56 Unveilings

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Sarah Wesoly** will take place on Sunday, May 31, 1992, 11:30am, at Mount Sinai Cemetery, Workman's Circle Section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 10130

56 Unveilings

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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
CHAIM TENENBAUM ז"ל
will take place
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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will take place
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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will take place
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Mount Sinai Memorial Park
Pride of Israel Section
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Tillie Fichtenbaum ז"ל
will take place
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Mount Sinai Memorial Park
986 Wilson Avenue
Beth Radom Section
Relatives & friends are invited to attend.

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Shirley Bornstein ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, May 31st, 10:00 a.m.
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
LIBBY MILLER ז"ל
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Mount Sinai Memorial Park
Independent Order of Oddfellows Section
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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will take place
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Mount Sinai Memorial Park
Lubavitch Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
PAUL BAUER ז"ל
will take place
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Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Beth Emeth Section
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late beloved
GEORGE GRANT ז"ל
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Pardes Shalom Cemetery
Farband Section
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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Beth Tzedec Memorial Park
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Section 9
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
DORA ROTENBERG ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, May 31st, 11:30 a.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
Sunnyside Section
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Chenstochover Section
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
REUBEN MALEMUD ז"ל
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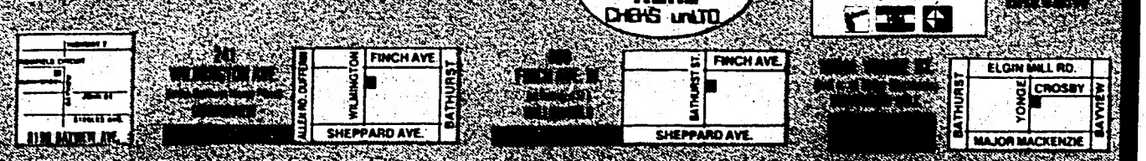

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An Open Letter To The Jewish Community

In 1991, the Toronto Jewish Congress changed its name to Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and adopted a new logo. We believe the change better reflects who we are and what we do as the central, volunteer-driven communal organization responsible for fund raising, planning and allocations, human resources development and communications.

There's nothing new about change -- as the community has grown and matured , so has Federation. From its inception 75 years ago, when we were known as the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies to today, we continue to carry out our commitment to community building both here and in Israel.

The harsh realities of these difficult times have necessitated us to focus on vital issues that demand our immediate attention: the family, the greying Jewish population and frail elderly, Jewish poverty, Jewish education, Jewish continuity, housing, domestic abuse, substance abuse and much, much more.

In Israel, too, we address crucial issues impacting on Russian and Ethiopian olim. Our Project Renewal communities are stellar examples of linkage between Israeli and Diaspora communities.

Through our fund raising component, United Jewish Appeal/Operation Exodus, we fund a myriad of social services and programs that address all these complex issues.

The Nineties pose tremendous challenges for Jews throughout the Diaspora and Israel. The Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, with your help and support, is poised to meet these challenges head-on.

Jack Chisvin
President

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Executive Director

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From the President

As we complete the first year of communal life under the name of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto,we also celebrate the 75th anniversary of our central community organization. The various ad hoc self-help Jewish societies and agencies, which sprang up in Toronto after the turn of the century, were brought together under the aegis of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies in 1917 -- so, in a sense, we have come full circle in an historic legitimacy.

The transition from Congress to Federation took place with a minimum of dislocation and without any adverse consequences. The adoption and recognition of the name was much quicker than could have been anticipated. While the name is new, the problems and challenges of the past year were not significantly different than in former years, except that the recession is beginning to have a greater impact on our institutions and agencies.

Our challenge, at the beginning of the year, was to consciously embark on community-building. In this vein, with the cooperation of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, we reached an agreement on implementing the Lithwick Report, which rationalizes the respective responsibilities in delivering services. We had a number of constructive meetings at the Rabbinical and lay leadership level of synagogues with the intent of bringing synagogues into the Federation system. We continued outreach activities in York Region to respond to that constituency's under-serviced needs. Our integration programs for new immigrants to Toronto were as fully subscribed as ever. And we are in dialogue with the Jewish Community Centre in the hope of providing a wider range of meaningful social, educational and cultural services to the community.

The Commission on Jewish Education has started its deliberations. The issues which that commission has identified, are many and complex. The resolution of some of these issues will of necessity be deferred because of the constraint of time and the need to focus on the root problem: Simply stated, taking for granted that education is the foundation of Jewish life, the commission will attempt to propose remedies to make Jewish education affordable and accessible to every family.

Throughout North America, Jewish identity and continuity have become the major concern. Toronto is no exception. While many synagogues, organizations and institutions are engaging this problem, we have struck a task force to report on how the Federation can best act as the facilitator and central coordinating body in mobilizing the available forces that sometimes are pulling in opposite directions.

Our leadership mission to Israel had 56 participants. They took part in an exciting, motivational, intensive program that left everyone exhausted. But the energy level was so high that a month after returning to Toronto, the "missioners" were still charged, and remained committed to increasing their commitments to Israel and our community.

We have completed one of the most successful UJA campaigns in our history. This should be very gratifying, but the unpleasant truth is that cash collections are falling far behind. Not including the 1992 campaign the cash arrears on pledges is in excess of $20 million. If this situation continues, our underfunded agencies -- and, in particular, our schools -- will be in serious trouble, as we are already in default in our obligations to remit funds to Israel.

The energy that fuels the Federation comes from the hundreds of volunteers who give of their time and experience so unselfishly. The engine that drives the Federation is the professional staff. Toronto is fortunate to be served by a uniquely dedicated professional staff who react with skill and sensitivity to the wishes of lay leadership. It is with regret that we report that Steve Ain, who has been on the Federation staff for many years, the past seven as executive director, will be leaving to assume the position of executive vice-president of United Israel Appeal. We thank Steve for his devotion and commitment to the Jewish community of Toronto and wish him well in his new position, which we are certain he will fill with distinction. We take some comfort that as executive vice-president of UIA he will still have an affiliated role in the Federation scheme of things.

Jack Chisvin,
President, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto

From the Executive Director

In reflecting on the past seven-and-a-half years during which I have been privileged to serve as executive director of our Federation, it is impossible not to focus on outstanding events or individuals. Certainly, I have worked with the finest lay leadership that any professional could want -- intelligent, committed and caring. Yitz Feldman, Ronnie Appleby, Herb Rosenfeld, Charlie Diamond and Jack Chisvin, the five individuals with whom I have worked most closely, truly exemplify these qualities. Each of these Federation presidents had different priorities, but all insisted that the welfare of the entire community came first. Toronto Jewry is indeed fortunate to have been blessed with their leadership. In a similar vein, the professional and support staff of Federation/UJA are men and women who repeatedly go beyond the call of duty in serving the community.

The impact of any single individual is dwarfed by the monumental events of Jewish history, which have taken place in recent years: standing with 250,000 other Jews in Washington Mall, chanting, "Freedom for Soviet Jews," and then, only two years later, standing on the tarmac at Ben-Gurion Airport, trying to contain emotions as the plane, filled with free Soviet Jews, touched down in Israel; watching television in a cold sweat on the night of January 18, 1991, as the first scuds hit Israel; and watching the same television on May 25, 1991, as planeload after planeload of Ethiopian Jews were rescued by Operation Solomon.

I have been fortunate to be the professional leader of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto during this period of time. As I move to a national and international venue, I know that the experience I have gained in this position and in this community has provided a foundation for future work for the Jewish people. Moreover, the relationships I have formed, both professionally and with lay leaders, will enable me to begin my new position from a secure base.

I am confident that the Federation is a dynamic and healthy organization, and that its excellent achievements will only grow stronger. I thank the community and the leadership for entrusting their confidence in me.

Steven Ain
Executive Director, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto

From Community Planning and Allocations

As the Federation arm responsible for a comprehensive set of functions, community planning has a department structure, which organizes these functions into social, cultural, educational and community development planning and allocations committees.

Community planning and allocations is both a committee and a department. The committee, composed of the leadership of the respective planning and allocations committees comes together to set policy and the departmental agenda, as well as make recommendations to the Federation officers.

To highlight the past year's activities and reflect on the work of community planning, here are some examples of the community in action:

SOCIAL PLANNING AND ALLOCATIONS: Palliative Care Planning: a group of five agencies are working with Federation to plan a Jewish Hospice program for implementation in Fall 1992.

Avenel Housing Project: a group of five agencies are working with Federation to provide services to the newest non-profit and affordable housing facility in the community for July 1992 occupancy.

AIDS/HIV+ Policy: an ad hoc group of community leadership is creating a Federation anti-discrimination AIDS/HIV+ policy, as an initial step toward a Jewish communal response.

CULTURAL SERVICES PLANNING AND ALLOCATIONS: Task force on Campus Coordination: representatives of campus agencies and the Federation have developed a set of recommendations to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of campus programming.

Cultural Forum: cultural agencies and committees came together under the auspices of the Federation to discuss mutual concerns and issues.

Jewish Cultural Directory: an outgrowth of the Cultural Forum, development of concept and initial information collection are under way.

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING AND ALLOCATIONS: Commission on Jewish Education: formation of Presidential commission to revisit the community's Jewish education objectives, approaches, needs and gaps.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:Integration: formation of the Community Integration Program at the Jewish Community Centre offering ESL, Jewish holiday programming and Family-to-Family program.

York Region Jewish Community: presentation of final report and recommendations for action in the development of this substantial and fast growing segment of our community.

Consistent with its mandate for community building, community planning in conjunction with other arms of the Federation is now embarking on a significant new initiative in Jewish Continuity and Identity.

George Wasserstein,
Chairman, Community Planning and Allocations

1991/92 Allocations & Expenses

INCOME

Annual Campaign	
Gross 1991 UJA Campaign pledges	**$36,125,341**
Shrinkage	
$1,444,361	
Campaign Expenses	**$3,042,800**
Net Proceeds from annual campaign	**$31,638,180**
Allocation from Bequest and Endowment Fund	
$150,600	
AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION	**$31,788,780**

ALLOCATIONS

ISRAEL	
From Annual Campaign	**$15,667,890**
INTERNATIONAL	
• Alliance Israelite Universelle	
• Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society	
• Joint Distribution Committee	
• Organization for Rehabilitation and Training	
• Organization Sociale d'Entre'aid	
TOTAL OVERSEAS ALLOCATIONS	
$15,667,890	
NATIONAL	
Campus Services	**$42,050**
Canada Israel Foundation for Academic Exchange	**$29,898**
Canadian Jewish Congress	**$1,201,511**
Jewish Immigrant Aid Services	**$1,489,235**
Jewish Telegraphic Agency	**$10,513**
National Budgeting Conference - Travel Fund	**$6,308**
Network	**$42,050**
Council of Jewish Federations Demographic Study	**$6,308**
	$2,827,873
COMMUNITY SERVICES	
Bernard Betel Centre	**$117,857**
Jewish Camp Council	**$48,450**
Jewish Community Centre	**$796,433**
Jewish Family & Child Service	**$1,381,299**

From United Jewish Appeal/Operation Exodus Co-Chairmen

The 1993 UJA/Operation Exodus Campaign offers opportunity at the same time that it presents great challenges. While we accepted this challenge in awe of the great responsibilities, we look forward to rising to it with great enthusiasm.

Today, and for the foreseeable future, the needs of the Toronto Jewish community and Israel continue to grow. Locally, the needs of our social agencies and schools are greater than they ever have been. Funding from the non-Jewish community agencies to our social agencies has been cut, at the same time that the case loads are increasing.

The community has guaranteed a Jewish day school education to every child who wants one, regardless of financial ability. More and more children need subsidization of tuition, while enrollment continues to increase. Reaching out to the young on campus and in the community, and helping to assist the elderly and disabled is a growing task.

The influx of Olim to Israel has been a number of times greater than was originally anticipated and the flow continues. The cost of bringing our fellow Jews to Israel and absorbing them into Israeli society is enormous and much of that is being borne by the Israelis. This immigration of Jews to Israel is a world scale historic event and will ultimately strengthen Israel and the Jewish people.

UJA/Operation Exodus needs your time and your generosity to help sustain and increase the strength of the local community, Israel and the Jewish people. As we approach this challenge with enthusiasm, we ask the whole community to rise to the challenge with us.

Bernard Ghert and Neil Nisker
Co-chairmen United Jewish Appeal/Operation Exodus

From The Endowment Fund

I strive to follow the principle that 'wealth is not so much a reward for past good deeds as an opportunity for future ones." I have, therefore, made a commitment of time and money as chairman of the Endowment Fund of the United

Jewish Information Service	$107,520
Jewish Student Federation	$145,954
Jewish Student Union - Hillel	$105,000
Jewish Vocational Service	$500,495
Senior Care	$33,250
Toronto Jewish Free Loan Casa	$64,478
Reena Foundation	$57,285
	$3,357,721
JEWISH EDUCATION	
Board of Jewish Education	$893,248
Elementary Schools:	$4,873,828
• Associated Hebrew Day Schools	
• Bialik Hebrew Day School	
• Eitz Chaim Schools	
• Leo Baeck Day School	
• Netivot Hatorah Day School	
• Or Haemet Sephardic Day School	
• Shearim Hebrew Day School	
• United Synagogue Day School	
High Schools:	$2,123,054
• Beth Jacob	
• Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto	
• Ner Israel Yeshiva	
• Or Chaim	
• Ulpanot Orot	
Supplementary Schools	$64,796
Midrasha L'Morim	$42,603
	$7,997,529
JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER TORONTO	
Administration and Operation:	$1,196,274
• Aliya/Otzma	
• Community Planning and Allocations	
• Human Resources	
• Jewish Women's Federation	
• Project Renewal	
Bequest and Endowment	$261,654
Museum and Holocaust Memorial	$45,856
Program:	$372,633
• Archives	
• Chaplaincy	
• Cultural Committees	
• Holocaust Remembrance	
• Kashruth	
• Yiddish	
Special Programs	$61,350
	$1,937,767
TOTAL: LOCAL & NATIONAL ALLOCATIONS	$16,120,890

Jewish Welfare Fund/Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

The Endowment Fund was created to provide a permanent source of funds to enable the Jewish community to respond to new and growing needs that fall beyond the budgeting means of the Federation, from annual UJA funds.

It affords an opportunity for donors to creatively direct funds to fields of interest, such as the elders, youth and scholarships, to donor-advised funds, or, through UJA, to perpetuate annual gift-giving beyond one's lifetime.

For potential grantees, the Endowment Fund represents an opportunity to turn creative and feasible concepts into reality for the purpose of enriching Jewish social and cultural life.

The Endowment Fund, an income producing capital fund, is an ideal vehicle to fulfill the obligation of tzedaka in a way that will extend even beyond my own lifetime.

Our goal is to exceed $100 million in the next 10 years and to serve as the financial backbone of the Toronto Jewish community.

The benefits extend beyond Toronto. As local needs are met by the income generated from the fund, more money will be available from the annual UJA campaign for community purposes in Israel.

To date, the Endowment Fund, through its unrestricted funds and allocations committee process, has allocated in excess of $1,250,000 to our community. Projects such as the Institute for Jewish Learning (JCC), Provision of Services in York Region (JF&CS) and the Survey of Greater Toronto Jewry (JFED), the Alternative Short-Term Housing for Battered Women (JF&CS) and the Jewish Communal Service Graduate Studies Scholarship program (JFED) are examples of this funding.

In addition, through the Berman Fund, a philanthropic fund of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto Bequest and Endowment Fund, since its inception, $300,000 was allocated as a special gift to Operation Exodus, in addition to more than $900,000 that was allocated to special projects such as Yiddish courses at the University of Toronto, Jewish Student Federation of York University, Symposium on Russian Refugees, Jewish Distress Centre, Committee on Get, Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, Development of Satellite Services, and an educational video on the plight of Soviet Jewry.

Israel, in addition, through the Pulver Fund, has been the direct beneficiary of scholarship funds wherein, since its inception, to date, $3,250,000 has been provided as scholarships both for Canadians in attendance and Israelis attending institutions of higher learning in Israel.

To act justly in one's lifetime is a mitzva; to leave a legacy of one's good deeds is a profound gift.

Our future depends on it.

Wilfred Posluns, Chairman, Endowment Fund
Chairman, Community Planning and Allocations Department

From the Board of Jewish Education

The Board of Jewish Education of Metropolitan Toronto continues to provide a variety of services to some seventy school units in Metropolitan Toronto, including twenty-one day elementary and secondary schools of various ideological and religious philosophies. Through its framework of voluntary association of schools, the Board has been able to provide schools with ongoing consultation services, access to a teacher centre, use of a pedagogic library and the resources of an audiovisual collection. Moreover, the Board maintains regular links with its schools, and meets an array of education needs among its affiliates.

Of major importance is the Board's leadership in setting standards for teacher certification; offering pre-service training through the Midrasha L'Morim (Jewish Teacher Seminary); and helping train a cadre of teachers for the schools through the Jewish Teacher Training Programme at York University, of which the BJE is a co-sponsor.

In addition, the Board maintains a program of professional development programs for teachers and principals in its day and supplementary schools.

In an effort to build a greater sense of affinity between the schools, and to stimulate greater interest among students, the Board coordinates a number of joint projects for its affiliated institutions. Two of these are in the area of academic development, i.e. the National Bible Contest and the Jewish Book Month Essay Contest. Others like the annual Jewish schools Choir Festival (Zimriyah) and Dance Festival (Rikudiyah) are intended to involve youngsters in an appreciation of Jewish arts. Community concerns are highlighted through participation in the UJA Walk for Israel, a Passover Food Campaign for needy families, and other programs.

The Toronto Jewish Media Centre, an adjunct of the BJE, has become a major educational support to teachers and students, and serves as a valuable audiovisual library for the large numbers of individual and institutional users in Metropolitan Toronto. The Media Centre, the largest depot of Jewish audiovisual materials in the Jewish world, contains well over 10,000 items which circulate to schools, adult education classes, service organizations, synagogue groups and individual subscribers.

The BJE functions as liaison between the Jewish school system and government agencies affecting education. These include contacts with federal, provincial and municipal levels on behalf of the Jewish school system.

With funds provided by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, the Board provides subsidies and grants to students in Jewish schools. A major BJE responsibility is supervising the fiscal operations of its beneficiaries, including the setting of tuition fee guidelines, monitoring the flow of subsidies, examining school budgets and financial statements, and assessing the fiscal operations of schools receiving Federation support.

Among the many other BJE activities, are included various inter-agency efforts such as the integration of Russian immigrant children (in co-operation with the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society); sensitizing professionals to child abuse prevention (in co-operation with the Jewish Family and Child Service); and making available psycho-educational and remedial services (through the Jewish Vocational Service).

All in all, the Board is seeking to make Jewish education the right of every Jewish child, and not just the privilege of those that can afford it. The Board wants to ensure the preservation of our Jewish heritage by bringing Jewish education to every Jewish family and child. We believe it can be done.

Sandy Brown, Chairman, Board of Jewish Education

From the Department for Human Resources Development

Even in times of financial uncertainty, there is an ever-present realization that people are really the community's most precious resource.

The Department for Human Resources Development provides a unique range of services to agencies and to volunteers. These services are designed to better match volunteer interests with the volunteer needs of our affiliate agencies and to continually upgrade volunteer skills across the continuum of volunteer involvement for those who provide direct service and for those who sit as members of an agency board of directors.

Within the constraints of reduced financial resources, the department has continued to provide its core services of Leadership Development, Board Development, Volunteer Interview and Referral, Community Outreach, Professional Development and Volunteer Recognition.

In addition, the department has been able to launch several new and exciting initiatives, including:

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR'S FORUM: For the first time in recent memory, professionals in our affiliate agencies who are responsible for all aspects of volunteer activity are meeting together on a regular basis.

LEADERSHIP RETENTION PROGRAM: HRD is undertaking a project designed to ensure that those volunteers with the most experience can continue to grow and contribute to the community. HRD works with agencies to develop new and creative uses for veteran volunteers and then matches those volunteers with projects in new settings.

BABY ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: Every Jewish birth is an event to celebrate. This is an expression of our delight in welcoming a new member into the community.

It is also an opportunity to inform new parents about the range of services the community can provide to families of newborns.

Most of all, it is an expression of our Federation's interest in establishing meaningful relationships with the children of this community and their parents -- and to plant the seeds for their future involvement.

As you can see, the activity of the department continues to provided vital support to the work of our agencies in a variety of creative and exciting ways.

Judy Gwartz, HRD chairman

From Jewish Women's Federation

Jewish Women's Federation is the umbrella organization for the Jewish women's volunteer groups in Toronto. As we enter our eighth year, JWF includes 51 affiliate organizations, representing the broad aspects of our Toronto Jewish community. We act as a network to unite groups of cultural and ideological backgrounds, each with its own specific goals and unique achievements. By acting together -- B'Yachad -- we are strengthening the role of Jewish women, while allowing each organization to celebrate its individuality.

During the past year, JWF went through a self-evaluation process, examining and reviewing our programs and committees. JWF officers, board members and affiliate presidents conducted open discussions on every aspect of JWF.

To further our goals of education, leadership development and community involvement, numerous programs were presented, including: Leadership skills development; JWF Presidents' Council and Board Development. We distributed our newsletter, *In Touch*, through the Canadian Jewish News.

Our goal of integrating newcomers to the Toronto Jewish community is achieved through JWF's Shalom Toronto, which greets hundreds of newcomers to our city, provides them with welcome baskets and information about local services and agencies to help facilitate their integration into the Jewish community. Our Russian integration committee recruits affiliate organizations and volunteers to act as sponsors for Jewish holiday and cultural programs specifically for Russian newcomers.

An important JWF mandate is to focus community attention on issues of concern to us as women, Jews and Canadians. We do this through our social and political action committee. In the past year, our focus was on Violence Against Women. Three workshops plus a comprehensive community forum were held to promote awareness and action.

JWF and UJA Women's Campaign co-sponsor two events -- our annual Combined Board Retreat and UJA Night. The past retreat focused on the meaning of Tzedaka and on Budget and Allocations. UJA Night '91 featured Shoshana Cardin; it provided both education and outreach to the women of our community and at the same time enabled them to fulfill the mitzva of tzedaka.

The past year was very full and rewarding; we look forward to a future of continuing successful endeavors.

Judy Noyek, Past President, JWF
Beverley Holtzman, President, JWF

From Women's Campaign

When Operation Exodus was launched, it was to do so in order to expedite the travel plans and resettlement in Israel of 50,000 anticipated new Russian olim. Indeed, since that time, 400,000 olim have arrived in Israel and all on the coat-tails of that initial campaign.

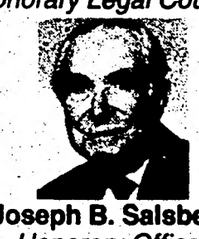
We are acutely aware that funds raised worldwide will not cover the tremendous costs and that the cost of the Ethiopian rescue is still to be dealt with. The euphoria of these great dramas are dissipating while the incredible needs escalate.

How well we as Jews respond to the "Technicolor" events in Jewish History. We open our hearts and coffers and stun even ourselves with our collective generosity.

Wendy Eisen
Secretary

Shoel Silver
Assistant Secretary

Gerry Ross
Honorary Legal Counsel



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Judy Scheininger
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Eric Slavens
Officer

Chuck Zalonz
Officer

However, this year's campaign, it seems, will be to continue the work that was started with Exodus and to look to our fellow Jews in Toronto whose lot in life has not fared well over the recession. No banners, streamers or "hoopla," but just great needs and sadness.

The strength of our people has always been the consistent moral and physical support that is in abundant supply when our fellow Jews are in need. My perfect dream, in an imperfect world, is that every single Jewish woman in this city will respond for the forthcoming campaign with a generous commitment. How simple our task would be, if the burden were shared and how great our honor would be in knowing we were there when needed.

Lorraine Sandler,
Chairman, Women's Campaign

From the Jewish Information Service

Volunteers at the Jewish Information Service (JIS) are available to assist individuals and community organizations. JIS serves as a switchboard and a point of access to the Jewish community in the Greater Toronto area. Approximately 14,500 inquiries were received last year.

North of Steeles, especially Thornhill and Richmond Hill, is being increasingly targeted in line with the goals of the parent organization -- the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. In conjunction with UJA, a leaflet outlining services available in York is now available.

The atmosphere in the JIS office continues to reflect the increased pressure to give as much service as always or more --with little additional and often less financial resources. This, in turn, results in expanded expectations being put on the volunteer corps as well as the paid staff.

Some of the more difficult categories of inquiries received by volunteers include: newcomers or residents who are unemployed, often without accommodation or with inadequate or unaffordable accommodation (this area would include new Soviet Jewish immigrant families and Israeli "yordim"); parents who need, but cannot obtain appropriate child care; individuals searching for or wanting to establish a Jewish connection; and individuals with very modest incomes, who do not qualify for subsidies or scholarships, but who may need financial assistance of some type.

DIRECTORIES, PUBLICATIONS AND COMPUTERS: The different types of JIS files, leaflets, directories and data bases have been electronically stored on disk. Apple Macintosh computers are used. Many aspects of the records are also printable. Some aspects of the very large data bank, collected and stored over the last 18 years, are available in written form, as directories such as: Jewish Community Services Directory; Scholarship Opportunities, Jewish Communal Service; Modest Summer Accommodation; JIS Calendar/Information Card; Jewish Singles Directory; Cultural Information; Thrift Shops; High Holy Days Roster Seating; Day Care and Nursery; Jewish Community Non-Profit Accommodation; and Pesach Seder Survey.

H. Victor Rosenthal
Chairman, Jewish Information Service

From the Holocaust Remembrance Committee

This year's activities of our sub-committees exemplify the growth of the Holocaust Remembrance committee since its inception in the1950s. We have grown from a single-event (Yom HaShoah observance) committee to an integral part of Holocaust studies and education. The committee's mandates and goals are: to remember the Shoah and to educate future generations; and to help prevent racism and prejudice in the present by helping others to understand and apply the lessons of the past.

To that end, this year's highlights have been many. The photo exhibit, "We Were Children Just Like You," was co-sponsored by the North York Board of Education. The event attracted 6,000 students of the public, separate school boards, parochial schools and 2,500 members of the general public. The Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre was visited by 12,500 students from various school boards from metropolitan Toronto, across Canada and the United States. Each group had the opportunity to meet a survivor and listen to first-hand testimony.

For the first time, the 12th Annual Student Seminar Day on the Holocaust attracted 1,200 high school students.

We initiated a joint project with Jewish Family & Child Service, which offers special services and support to survivors and their families. The First Annual Conference for Mental Health Professionals recently met with great success.

I would like to pay tribute to the many volunteers and committee chairs and members who have been implementing our mandate since the inception of this committee. We are proud to welcome to our subcommittees members of the Third Generation, who are mostly participants of the March of the Living, and their friends.

I think I speak for all survivors when I say that we are grateful and happy that Holocaust Education and Remembrance has become part of the total Jewish community. As Eli Wiesel has said, "After Auschwitz every Jew is a survivor. If Hitler would have won the war, every Jew would have been a victim." My friends and supporters, "Mir zeinen du."

Robert Engel,
Chairman, Holocaust Remembrance committee

Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto
Beneficiaries

LOCAL COMMUNITY SERVICES
Bernard Betel Centre
Jewish Camp Council
Jewish Community Centre
Jewish Family & Child Service
Jewish Information Service
Albert J.Latner Jewish Public Library
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Martin Sable
Shoel Silver
George Wasserstein
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Marshall Kesten
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Phil Alter
Assistant Secretary
Barry Tissenbaum
Honorary Legal Counsel
Gerry Ross

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Chairman, Board of Jewish Education
Sandy Brown
Chairman, Community Planning and Allocations
Sheila Engel
Chairman, Human Resources Department
Judy Gwartz
President, Jewish Women's Federation
Bev Holtzman
Campaign Chairmen,United Jewish Appeal
Bernie Ghert
Neil Nisker
Honorary Officer
Joseph B.Salsberg

In addition, the new chairman of the Ontario Region, and the national vice-president from the Ontario Region, Canadian Jewish Congress, will also be Federation officers.

NOMINATED FOR ELECTION TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD 1992-93

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Sid Butovsky
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Gloria Clamen
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Roz Davidson
Elliott Eisen
Joyce Eklove
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Robert Furman
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Martin Krossel
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Moshe Ronen
Eli R. Rubinstein
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Sam Schwartz
Victor Shields
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Eldon Moses
Judy Noyek
Rabbi Jordan Pearlson
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Joel Reitman
Rabbi Philip Scheim
Judy Scheininger
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Rabbi Lawrence Troster
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